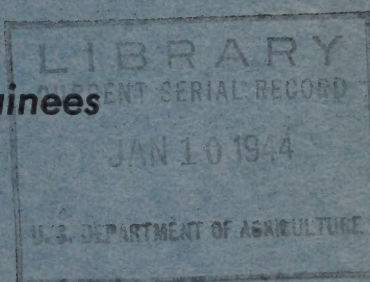


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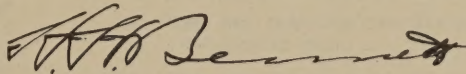
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This publication has been prepared expressly for Latin American trainees studying soil and water conservation in the United States. On these pages are condensed descriptions, illustrations and plans of runoff measuring devices used by the Soil Conservation Service in soil and water conservation research. Detailed information of the procedures employed in the collection and compilation of data as well as large scale drawings of the illustrations are available to trainees on request. We hope that information contained in this publication will aid the trainees in whatever soil conservation work they may later undertake in their respective countries



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INTRODUCTION

Research investigations in soil and water conservation conducted by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service involve the determination of rates and amounts of runoff produced by precipitation on small plots and on natural drainage basins ranging in size from one or two acres to several thousand acres.

Runoff from plots and the smaller drainage basins is nearly always produced by intense rainfall. In practically all cases the flow is intermittent. Rates of runoff increase rapidly from zero to the maximum, the maximum rates usually last only a few minutes, and the flow ceases soon after the end of precipitation. Runoff from agricultural areas often carries considerable amounts of floating debris and eroded material. Measuring devices such as sharp-crested weirs and the standard current-meter procedure, developed many years ago, were found to be inadequate for the measurement of runoff under conditions described above. It was necessary, therefore, to develop devices and adopt procedures specifically suited for the work of the Service. All flows from plots where rates are desired, and all flows from smaller basins as well as low flows from the larger basins, are measured by means of flumes and special weirs developed and calibrated in hydraulic laboratories. Where only total amounts of runoff from small plots are desired, measurement is accomplished by collecting the entire flow or an aliquot of it in calibrated tanks. The aliquot device known as the multislut (Geib) divisor is commonly used on plots of soil and water conservation experiment stations.

The standard current-meter procedure, fully described in U. S. Geological Survey Water Supply Paper 888, has been adopted for calibrating the runoff stations for larger areas where the flow is comparatively large and maximum rates persist long enough to permit its use (plate 1).

In all cases a continuous record of depth of flow (stage or head) is obtained by means of water-level recorders. The water-level recorder FW-1, manufactured by the Julien P. Friez & Sons Company of Baltimore, Maryland and described in their catalogs, was developed for the work of the Soil Conservation Service and is used on practically all of its runoff measuring installations. A procedure for setting water-level recorders on flumes and weirs is given on page 13.

The stage records from the water-level recorders are converted into rates of flow by means of laboratory rating tables developed for each type of runoff measuring device, or by means of the current-meter calibrations for the larger areas. Total runoff for an entire runoff period or any portion of it is obtained by integrating the rates of flow during the period.

Brief descriptions of the runoff measuring devices most widely used in Soil Conservation Service Research follow:

HS, H AND HL TYPE FLUMES

The HS, H and HL type flumes developed by the Soil Conservation Service consist of converging vertical side walls cut back on a slope at the outlet so as to give a trapezoidal projection of the outlet. With these types of flumes where the throat width increases as the depth of water increases, accurate measurements of the small as well as the large flows are obtained. The various dimensions of each flume are proportional to the depth of the flume. For example, the bottom throat width of the HS type flume is 0.05 times its depth, or 0.02 feet for a 0.4 foot HS flume. Likewise the bottom throat width of the H type flume is 0.1 times its depth, or 0.3 feet for a 3-foot H flume. Also the bottom throat width of the HL type flume is 0.2 times its depth, or 0.8 feet for a 4-foot HL flume. The maximum rate of flow for the various flumes for which calibrations are available is given in table 1.

The grade of the approach channel may be as high as 3 percent without affecting the calibration of these flumes. Sloping floors (1 on 8), designed to concentrate the flow along the side of the flume on which the well intake openings are located, decrease the deposition of suspended material at these openings. The difference between the calibration of a flume with a sloping floor and that with a flat floor is less than 1 percent. Submergence of 30 percent increases the head only 1 percent. For the effect of higher degrees of submergence see figure 1. Riveted joints are preferred to welded joints because the latter cause excessive heat distortion.

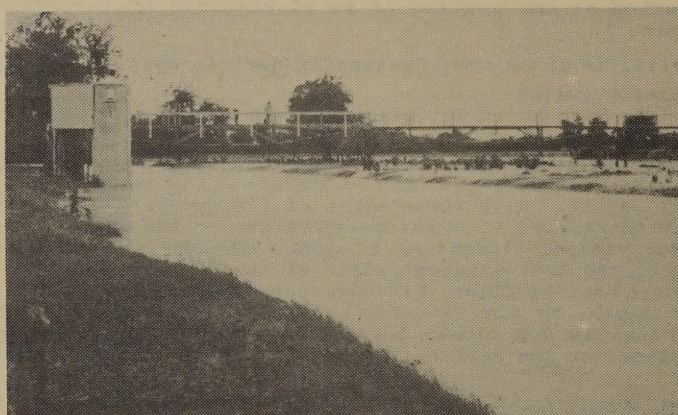
In flat areas, a flume installed with its floor flush with the ground surface would cause excessive ponding. If this artificial pondage is larger than that under natural conditions of flow, values of maximum rates of runoff and the shape of the hydrograph will be materially affected. The amount of the artificial pondage can be reduced by lowering the flume and installing a drop box in the approach to the flume as illustrated in figure 12 and plate 2, E.

Waco, Tex. 20214



A, Current-meter station; calibrated weir partly submerged in foreground; drainage area 4,380 acres.

Waco, Tex. 20548



B, Current-meter station; calibrated weir for low flows completely submerged; drainage area 5,860 acres.

Table 1. - Rates of flow, cubic feet per second for HS, H and HL flumes for various water depths (head), feet

Flume Feet	Water depth - (feet)												
	0.05	.10	.20	.40	.6	.8	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	4.5
HS													
0.4	0.000982	0.00417	0.0179	0.0851	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
.6	.00138	.00517	.0207	.0918	0.229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
.8	.00174	.00625	.0237	.100	.245	0.470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.0	.00209	.00736	.0270	.109	.261	.495	0.821	-	-	-	-	-	-
H													
0.5	.0024	.0101	.0431	.204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
.75	.0032	.0126	.0501	.224	.566	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.0	.0040	.0150	.0571	.244	.598	1.16	1.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.5	.0057	.0200	.0711	.283	.672	1.27	2.09	5.41	-	-	-	-	-
2.0	.0073	.0248	.0850	.323	.745	1.38	2.25	5.65	11.1	-	-	-	-
2.5	.0089	.0298	.0990	.363	.818	1.49	2.41	5.91	11.5	19.4	-	-	-
3.0	.0105	.0347	.113	.403	.892	1.61	2.58	6.24	11.9	20.1	31.0	-	-
4.5	.0154	.0496	.155	.520	1.11	1.94	3.04	7.07	13.2	21.6	32.7	63.9	84.5
HL													
4.0	.029	.089	.278	.940	2.01	3.53	5.56	13.0	24.3	39.9	60.3	117.	

The HS-type flumes (figure 2), with maximum depths of 0.4, 0.6, 0.8 and 1.0 feet, are used to measure flows up to about 0.8 cubic foot per second and are employed mostly on small plots. Drawings (figures 3, 4 and 5), specifications (page 19), and ratings (table 2), are given in complete detail.

The H-type flumes (figure 6), with maximum depths of 0.5, 0.75, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 and 4.5 feet, are used to measure flows from drainage basins where runoff rates in excess of 0.8 cubic foot per second may be expected and where the maximum rates probably will not exceed 80 cubic feet per second. Drawings (figures 7-10), specifications (page 26), and ratings (table 3), are given in complete detail. Photographs (plate 2) show field installations of H-type flumes.

The HL-type flumes (figure 11), with a maximum depth of 4 feet, are used to measure flow from drainage basins where runoff rates in excess of 80 cubic feet per second can be expected and where the maximum rates will probably not exceed 117 cubic feet per second. Rating for the 4-foot HL flume is given in table 4.

PARSHALL FLUMES

Parshall flumes¹, long used in irrigation canals where the flow is relatively constant for long periods, are rectangular in cross section. Large flumes of this type are, therefore, not sensitive enough to measure low flows adequately. Large Parshall flumes are, however, used in conjunction with flumes of smaller throat width or with auxiliary precalibrated weirs (plate 3) which provide adequate measurement of low flows. This requires the use of two water-level recorders.

TRIANGULAR WEIRS

Triangular weirs with 2 to 1, 3 to 1, and 5 to 1 side slopes were developed by the Soil Conservation Service for measuring flows up to about 1,000 cubic feet per second.

¹ The characteristics of these flumes are described and calibrations are given in "Parshall Flumes of Large Size", Bulletin 386, Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station, May 1932; and "The Parshall Measuring Flumes", Bulletin 423, Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station, Fort Collins, Colorado, March 1936 by R. L. Parshall.

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Plate 2



A, H type flume, stilling well, and recorder shelter box for catching sediments shown in foreground.

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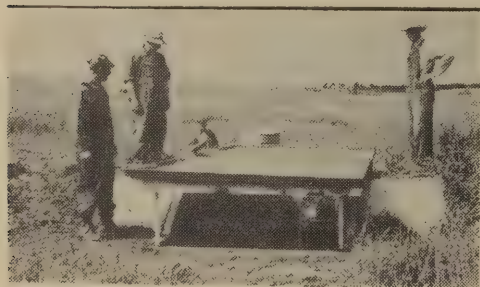
B, H type flume, gutter, drop box, recorder shelter. Cover on flume, gutter and drop box prevents rain from falling on these impervious surfaces and running off through the measuring flume.

Waco, Tex. 20313



C, H type flume, gutter, and recorder shelter; drop box approach. Concrete flume with angle iron edges.

Hastings, Nebr. 23514



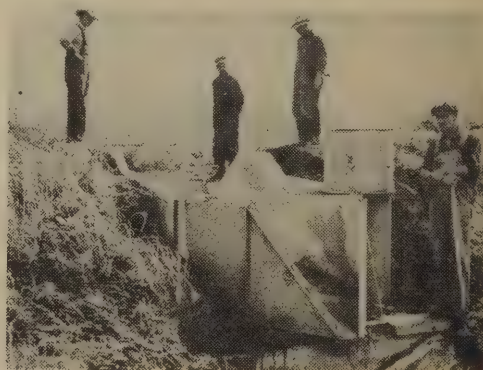
E, H type flume with drop approach box. Cover prevents rain from falling on impervious surfaces and running off through the measuring flume. Snow drifts in flume and approach box also reduced by cover.

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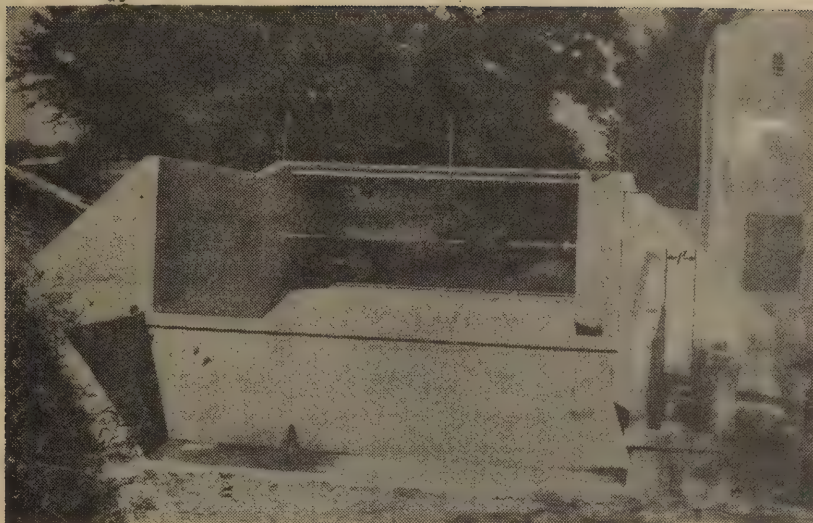
D, H type flume and recorder shelter.

Hastings, Nebr. 23516



F, H flume with drop approach box and recorder shelter. Cover removed.

Coshocton, Ohio 21331



A, Large (15-foot) Parshall flume with small (1-foot) supplemental Parshall flume for low flows.

Waco, Tex. 20235



B, Large (10-foot) Parshall flumewith supplemental ogee 5 to 1 weir for low flows.

These weirs consist of concrete V notch dams 16 inches thick² with trapezoidal crests shaped as shown in figure 13. The triangular shape of these weirs affords measurement of small and large flows with comparable degrees of accuracy. The shape and thickness of the crest permit comparatively free passage of debris and minimize the effect on the stage-discharge relationship of small irregularities of the crest and of trash temporarily lodged on the crest. Channel slopes in excess of 2 percent and irregularities in the channels of approach induce velocities which seriously affect the calibrations. Where the weirs are installed in well defined constricted waterways (plate 4), it is essential to insure that the channels of approach are reasonably straight and practically level for a distance of at least 50 feet above the weir. The weirs may be constructed with the apex of the notch either flush with or above the upstream channel. It is advisable, however, to keep to a minimum the amount of water impounded below the apex of the notch (plate 5), in order that a complete record of flow may be obtained without resorting to pondage computations which are rather involved and cannot be made with a high degree of accuracy. In case of constricted waterways, better results can be obtained by lining the channel of approach for a distance of about 50 feet so that the bottom of the channel is level and flush with the apex of the notch, and the side slopes are flatter than the side slopes of the weir.

The laboratory tests indicate no appreciable effect on the calibrations of submergence up to 50 percent. Most of the installations now in use have been designed for free flow. The height of the notch in practically all cases is 2 feet above the downstream apron, and the downstream channels have ample capacity to carry the maximum flows to be expected. It is often necessary to measure runoff from drainage basins with wide, shallow, and poorly defined watercourses. Under such conditions the flow has to be confined and diverted into the weirs by means of earth dikes or training walls (plate 6). This creates unnatural pondage at high stages which affects the rates of flow and the shape of the runoff hydrographs. An approximate method has been developed whereby the rates of runoff are corrected in extreme cases. The magnitude of this correction is determined by the surface area of the pond created by the weir and the rate of change in stage. In view of the uncertainties involved in this correction it is preferable to avoid installations with excessive pondage or, if possible, to provide approach boxes similar to those mentioned above for the type HS, H and HL flumes. Such boxes on the weirs would necessarily have to be considerably longer than those used with the flumes.

The triangular weirs are capable of satisfactorily measuring flows with reasonable amounts of suspended erosional debris. They should not, however, be used where heavy bed loads may be expected. Under such conditions devices which accelerate rather than retard the flow must be used in order that the material brought to the measuring section may be carried through it. Trapezoidal channels on steep slopes are being tried on some installations (plate 7, A) where heavy bed load is encountered, but no conclusive results have yet been obtained.

The intakes to the stilling wells housing the floats of the water-level recorders must be 10 feet upstream from the center of the crest, as the laboratory calibrations are based on measurements made at this distance. To eliminate interference with the flow, the stilling well must be set back from the channel at least as far as the upper edge of the notch (plates 4, 5 and 6). Slots 1 inch wide and 6 inches long and overlapping 1 inch, cut in the channel side of the stilling wells, are used to equalize the water level inside and outside the stilling well (plates 4 and 6).

Although the height of the apex of the notch above the bottom of the approach channel in itself has no effect on the calibration of the weir, the calibrations were found to depend on the cross-sectional area of the channel of approach at the point where the head is measured, 10 feet upstream from the center of the crest. Values of discharge (rates of flow) for heads (depths above the notch) of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 feet, with different cross-sectional areas, are given in table 5. The discharges for heads up to 0.70 feet are not affected by the cross-sectional area at the intake and are given in table 6. The procedure employed in preparing rating tables for the triangular weirs follows:

The cross-sectional areas of the channel in square feet at the intake corresponding to heads on the weir of 1 foot, 2 feet, 3 feet, etc., are determined. Values of discharge corresponding to the heads and cross-sectional areas are obtained from table 5. These values are plotted on log log paper together with those for heads up to 0.7 foot (table 6) for the particular weir. Discharge values for each 0.01 foot of head are obtained from the resulting graph. Thus if the particular installation should consist of a 3 to 1 weir with a total head of 4 feet and cross-sectional areas of 14 square feet for a 1-foot head, 42 square feet for a 2-foot head, 64 square feet for a 3-foot head, and 100 square feet for a 4-foot head, the values for plotting would be as follows:

² The first several weirs of this type were 30 inches thick and had a somewhat differently shaped crest as shown in figure 14. Later laboratory tests showed that reducing the thickness to 16 inches and simplifying the shape of the crest did not affect the calibration of these weirs.

Head Feet	Discharge Cubic feet per second
0	0
.1	.025
.2	.132
.3	.364
.4	.757
.5	1.35
.6	2.16
.7	3.21
1.0	8.02
2.0	48.5
3.0	144
4.0	308

The discharge values for each 0.01 foot of head obtained from the resulting graph are tabulated to form a rating table for the weir.

Plans and details of construction of a 5 to 1 and a 3 to 1 triangular weir are shown in figures 14 and 15. A method of constructing the crest on a 5 to 1 weir is shown in plate 7,B.

MULTISLOT (GEIB) DIVISORS

The multislot divisor (plate 8), bearing the name of its originator, was developed to measure total runoff from plots where the total amounts are too great to be collected in a tank. With this device the flow is divided into 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, or 15 aliquots, depending on the number of slots in the divisor. One of the aliquots is conveyed into a calibrated tank, while the others are allowed to waste. The total amount of runoff is obtained by multiplying the amount measured in the tank by the aliquot ratio. Aliquots smaller than 1/15th are obtained by installing two or more divisors in tandem. Thus, two 5-slot divisors would collect 1/25th of the total flow; a combination of a 5 and a 7 slot divisor would result in 1/35th aliquot, etc. The slots are either 1 inch or 1/2 inch wide. The latter are used in order to increase the depth of flow through the slots on plots where low flows of long duration are common. Drawings (figures 16 and 17) and specifications (pages 39 - 42) give details of construction and installation.

Illinois-RS-21



A, Triangular weir with 2 to 1 side slopes on a 12.5 acre terraced area near Edwardsville, Ill. Capacity 65 cubic feet per second. Note the straight alignment of this well defined channel of approach.

Arkansas-RS-39



B, Triangular weir with 3 to 1 side slopes on a 19.4 acre drainage near Bentonville, Ark. The cover of the intake channel in the steep bank is hinged to permit opening of stilling well door used to inspect the float of the recorder.

Illinois-RS-27



A, Triangular weir with 5 to 1 side slopes and appurtenances, (capacity 1050 cubic feet per second) on a 290-acre drainage basin near Edwardsville, Ill. The water level of the pond is read on the staff gages to check the water-level inside the stilling well. The well is placed so as not to interfere with flow over the weir. Cover of intake channel is flush with bank; holes in cover permit passage of water to slots in stilling water.

Wisconsin-RS-20



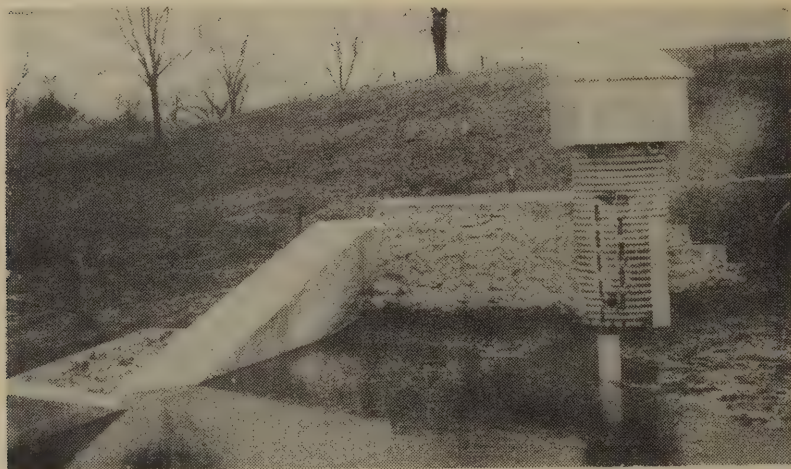
B, Triangular weir with 5 to 1 side slopes and appurtenances on a 330-acre drainage basin near Fennimore, Wisc. The intake pipe extending into the water was replaced by an intake channel similar to that shown in A. Pondage below apex of notch and artificial pondage during high flows are excessive. Rates of flow are corrected for pondage.

Illinois-RS-55



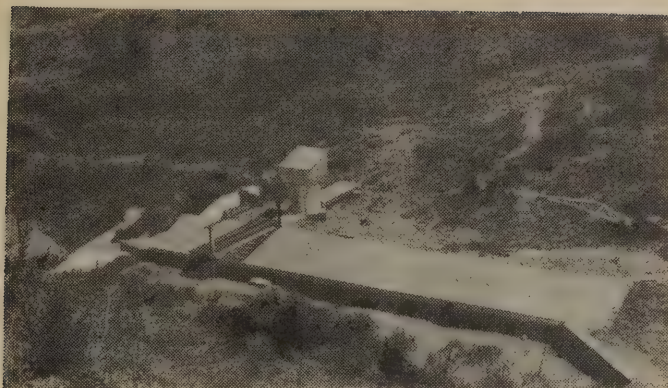
A, General view of a 3 to 1 triangular weir on a 50-acre drainage basin with a poorly defined waterway near Edwardsville, Ill. Capacity of weir 230 cubic feet per second. Dikes confine and direct flow into weir. Pondage is negligible below apex of notch but rather large for high flows. Rates are corrected for pondage.

Illinois-RS-18



B, Close-up of stilling well on installation shown in A. Slots in stilling well, 1 inch wide, 6 inches long, and overlapping 1 inch, replaced two intake pipes originally used. Absence of sloping banks eliminates need of intake channel.

Texas-RS-167



A, Experimental installation of a trapezoidal flume with 2 to 1 side slopes, 1-foot bottom width, and 3 percent grade on a 21.2-acre drainage basin producing heavy bed load. The bridge was constructed to facilitate verification of the laboratory calibration with current-meter measurements.

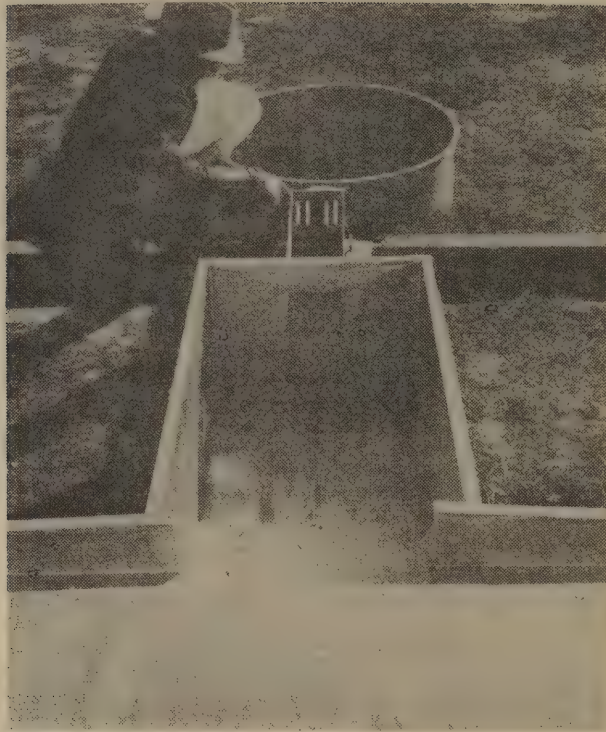
Arizona-RS-82



B, Construction of a 5 to 1 triangular weir on a 519-acre drainage basin near Safford, Ariz. Capacity 900 cubic feet per second. The crest of the weir is poured in sections to insure proper shape. A section of the form can be seen in the center of the picture.

North Carolina R1-6

Plate 8



A, Collection trough, stilling box, 5-slot (Geib multislot) divisor and calibrated tank. Aliquot, $1/5$ of total runoff retained and measured.

North Carolina R1-7



B, Series of plots equipped with multislot (Geib) divisors and calibrated tanks.

SETTING WATER-LEVEL RECORDERS

HS Flumes

1. See that the water level recorder is securely fastened to its support and that the support is designed to prevent movement of the recorder relative to the measuring device. Make sure that the chart is correctly mounted on the chart drum.
2. Mount a point gage vertically over the floor near the tip of the flume. This will ordinarily be done by means of a temporary point gage support.
3. Using modeling clay ("plasticine") or some other like material, dam the outlet end of the measuring device; and, if necessary to prevent loss of water, the inlet end also. To avoid surface tension effects, the nearest point of the dam at the water surface elevation should be at least 1/2 inch away from the point of the point gage.
4. Fill the flume and float well with water until a depth of 1/2 to 1 inch of water is obtained over the control section.
5. Obtain point gage readings for the water surface and floor of flume. Subtract the crest reading from the water surface reading.
6. During the time that point gage readings are being made, the water level recorder will be making a record of water surface elevation on the chart. Subtract the difference between point gage readings from the chart reading in order to obtain the chart reading for zero head on the measuring device.
7. Check with a different amount of water in the flume.

H, HL and Parshall Flumes and Triangular Weirs

1. Form temporary watertight pool around intakes outside of stilling well.
2. Raise water level in stilling well until it is 1 or 2 inches above lowest intake.
3. Place water level recorder on floor of shelter or on shelf; install float, counterweight, and graduated float tape in position; install tape index pointer (I.P.); insert clock; place chart paper on clock; ink pen and place it in position to record.
4. Observe the record for about 5 minutes to see if the set-up is watertight. If the water level drops during this period, find the leak and repair it.
5. With Surveyor's level take backsight (B.S.) on crest of flume or notch of weir to get the elevation of the height of instrument (H.I.). All rod readings are to 0.001 foot.
6. Attach plumb bob to steel tape graduated in 0.01 foot. Set point of plumb bob at elevation of H.I. and read tape at horizontal index line (L) marked on shelter or any other convenient object over the pool. (Estimated tape reading to .001 foot.)
7. Lower plumb bob to water surface of pool and read tape at index line (I). Repeat this step for a check.
8. Read tape index pointer (I.P.) on float tape immediately after operation 7.
9. Subtract difference of tape readings at (L) of steps 6 and 7 from H.I. to get elevation of water surface.
10. Check H.I. by rod reading on flume crest or weir notch.
11. The difference between readings 8 and 9 is the amount the float must be lowered (if 8 is less than 9), or raised (if 8 is greater than 9) on the float tape. Minor adjustments up to 0.05 feet can be made by adjusting index pointer (I.P.).
12. Set pen on chart to read water surface elevation obtained in step 9.
13. Check operations 5 to 12 with water at the different level.

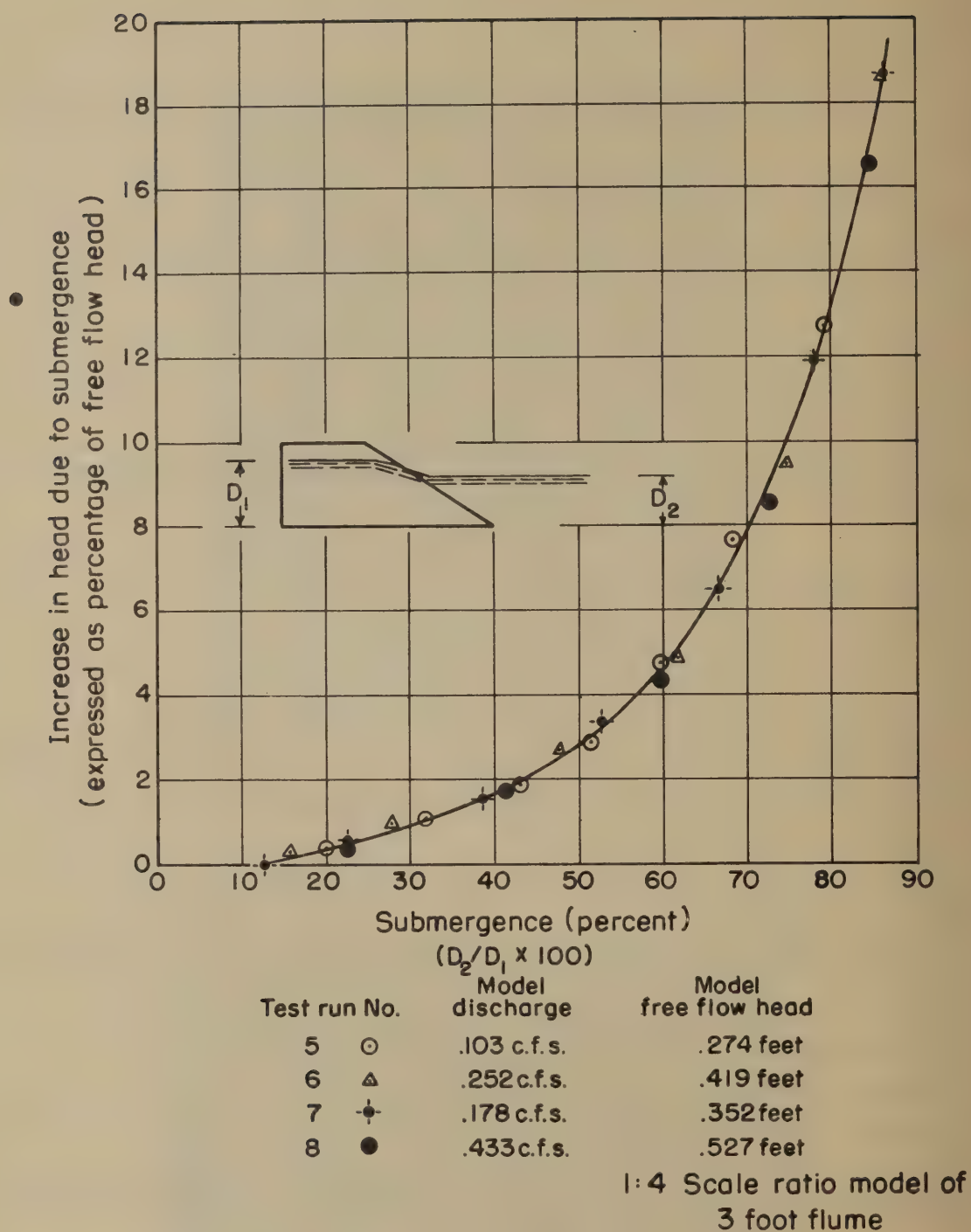


Figure 1. — Effect of submergence, H type flume.

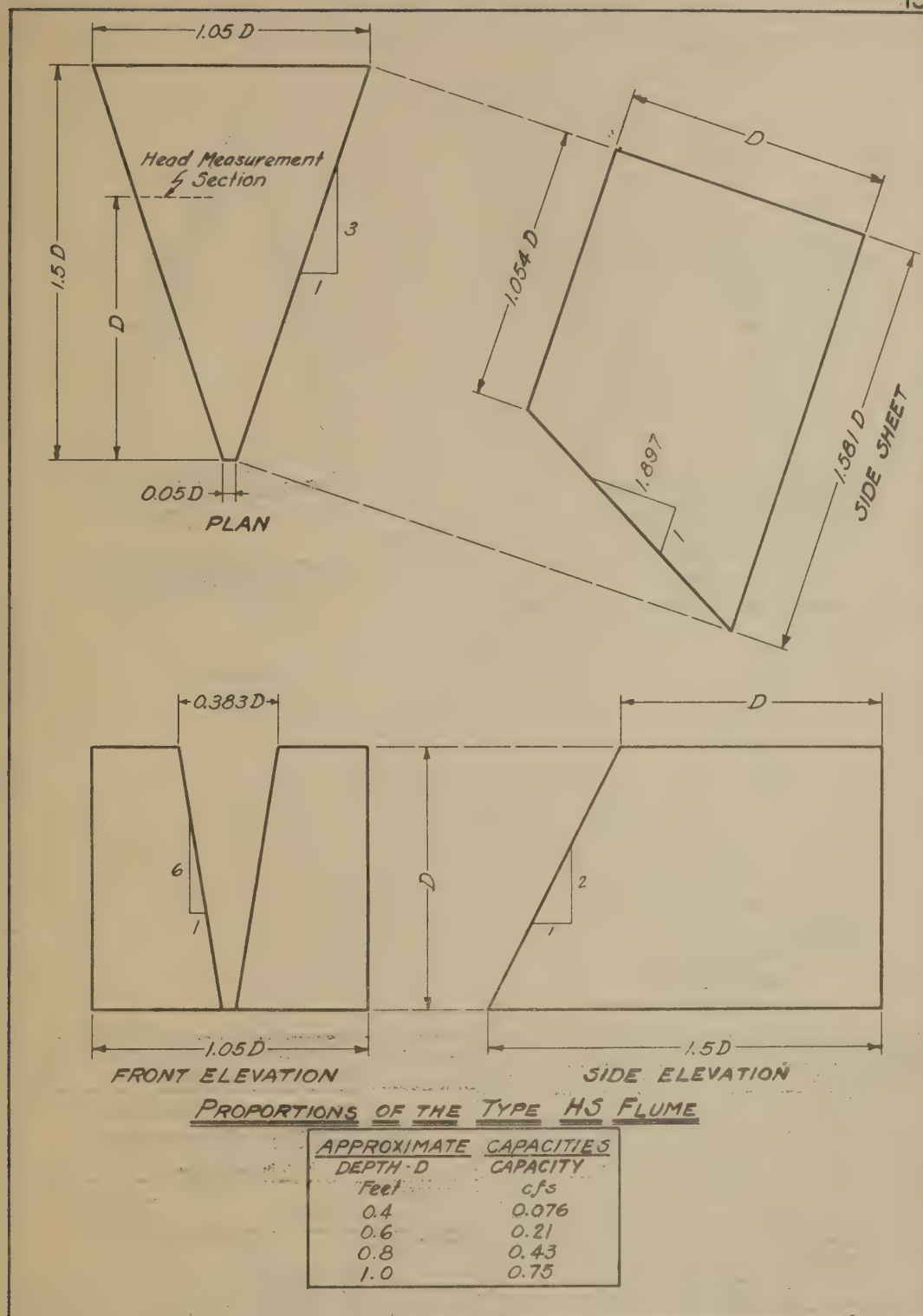


Figure 2.— Proportions of the type HS flume.

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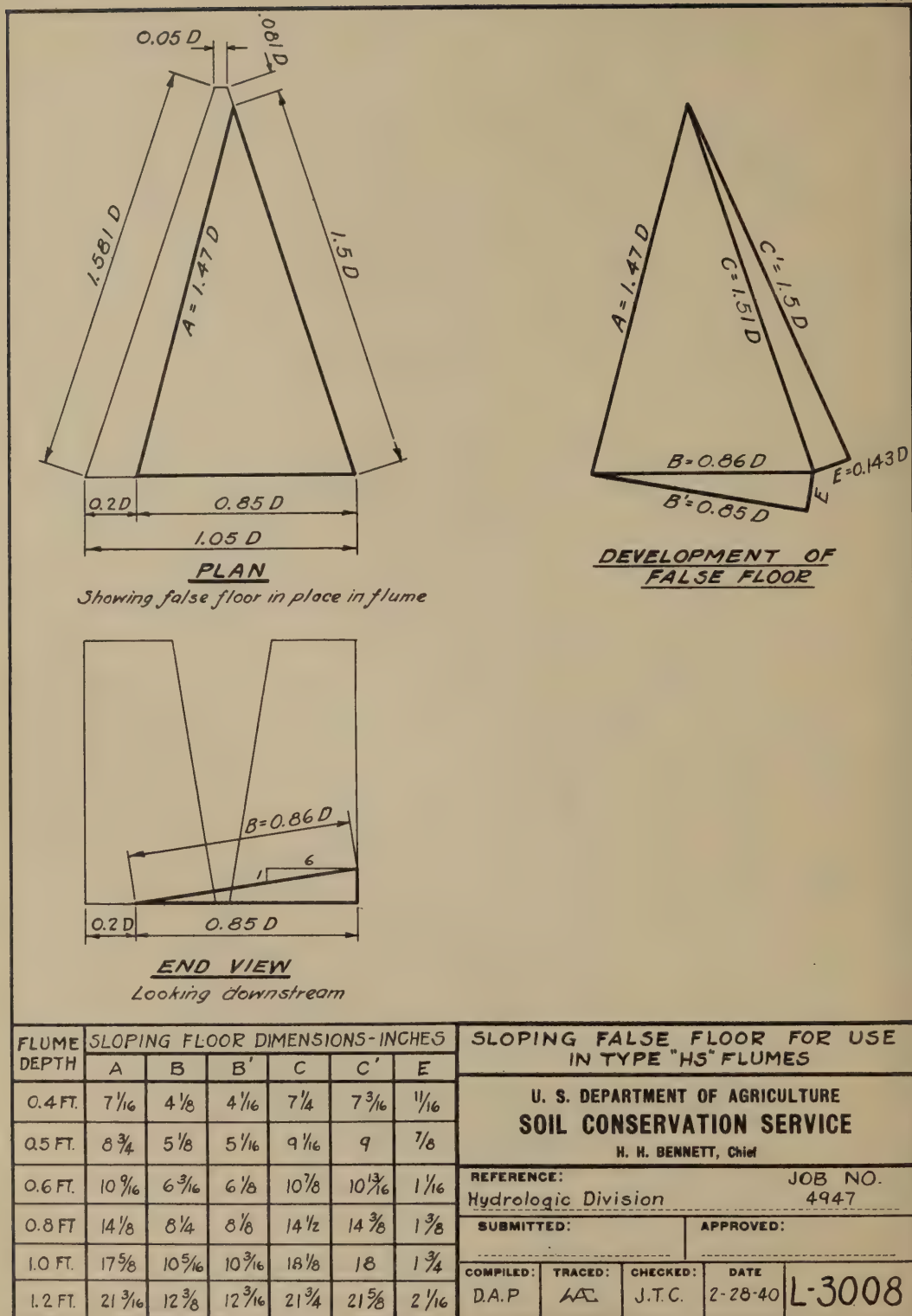


Figure 3.— Dimensions of sloping false floor for HS flumes.

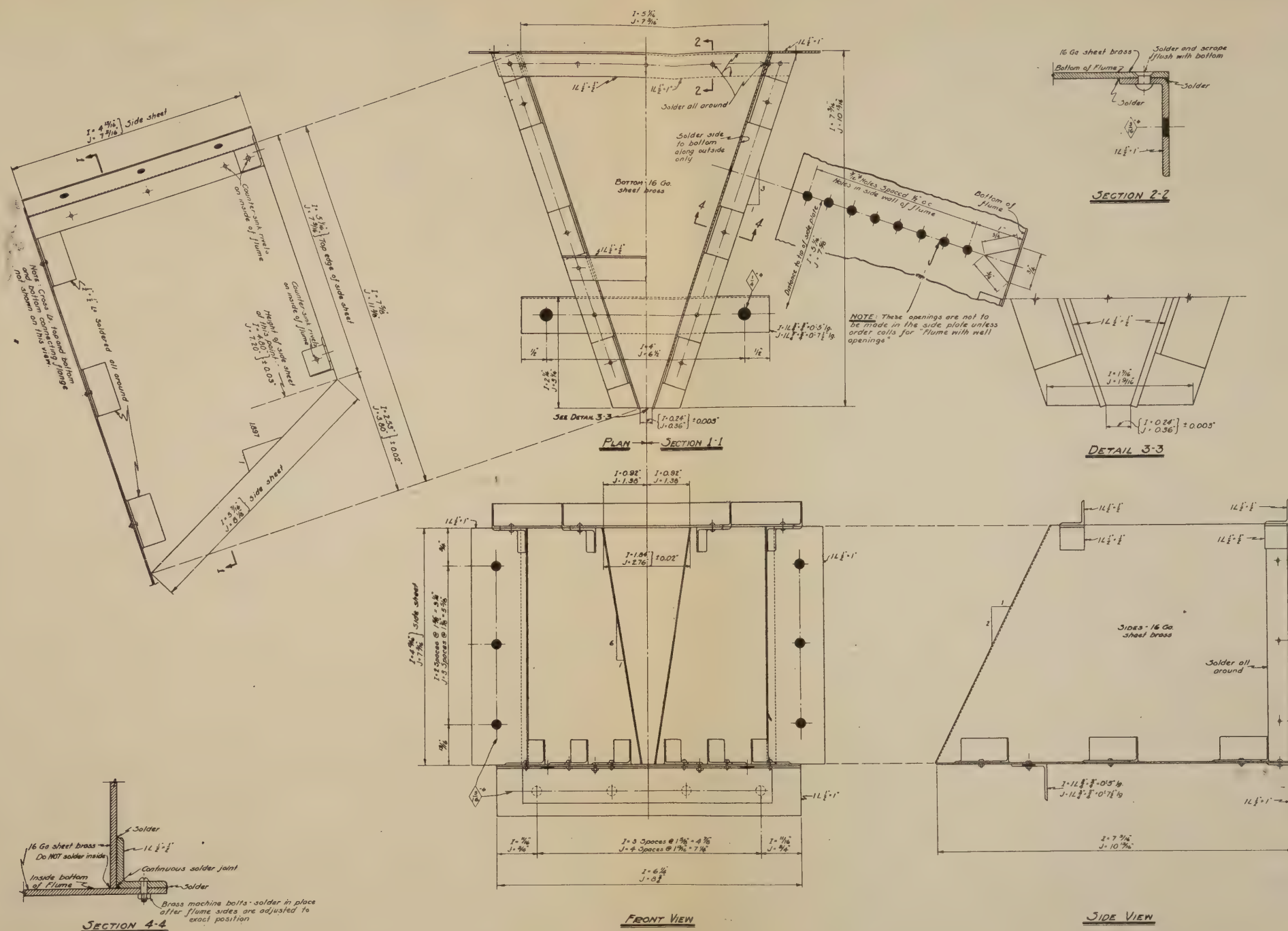


Figure 4. - Construction details of HS-Q4 and 0.6 ft. flumes.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS TYPE "HS" RATE MEASURING FLUME (BRASS) FLUMES 0.4' AND 0.6' DEEP			
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE H. H. BENNETT, CHIEF			
REFERENCE: Section of Watershed and Hydrologic Studies			
DRAFTING APPROVAL: <i>[Signature]</i>		TECHNICAL APPROVAL: <i>[Signature]</i>	
COMPILED: A.C.	TRACED: A.C.	CHECKED: D.A.P. F.L.M.	DATE: JULY 26, 1938 P-2270

WELL OPENINGS ADDED TO TRACING NOV 10, 1939

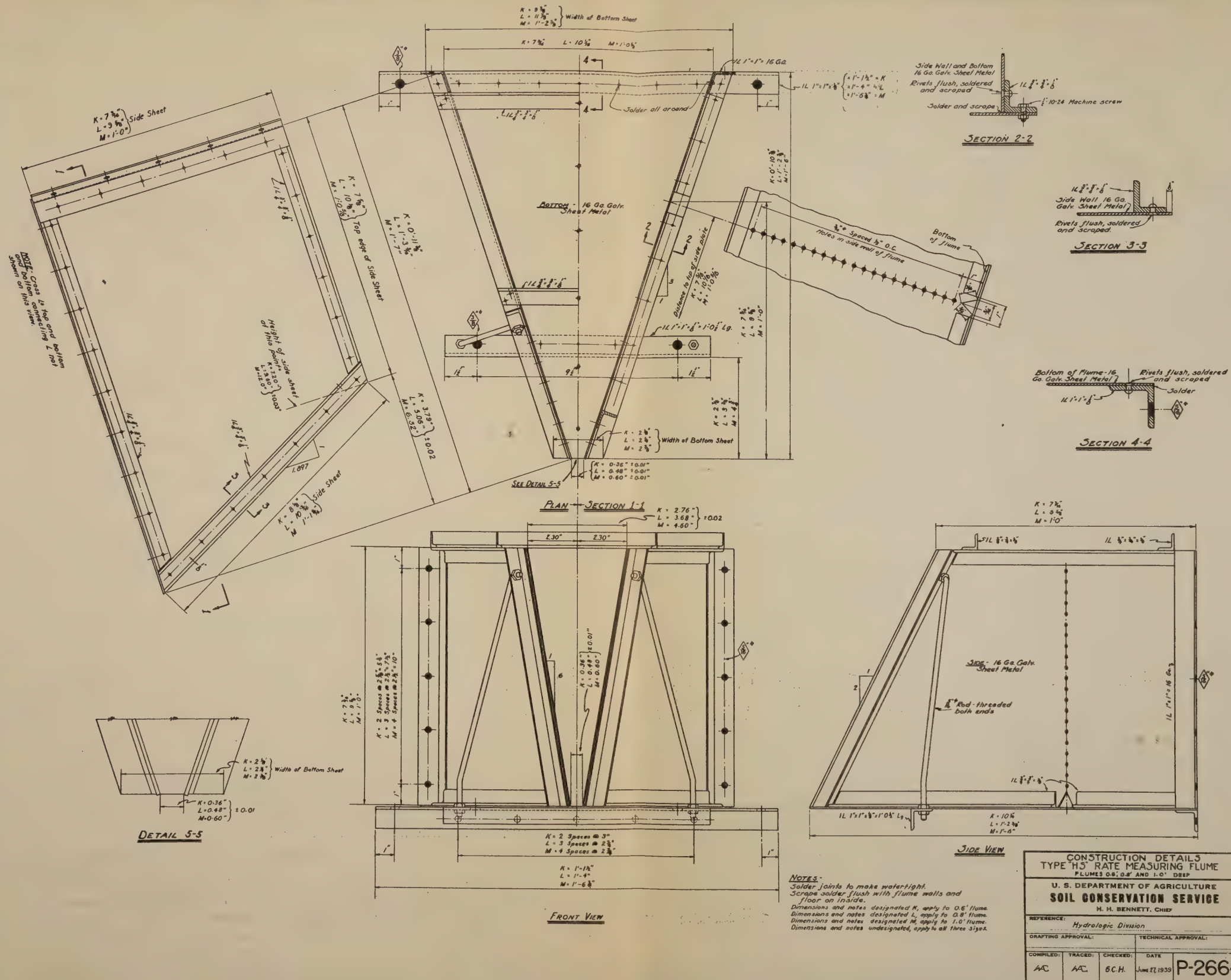


Figure 5. - Construction details of HS-0.6, 0.8, and 1.0 ft. flumes.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

for

TYPE HS RATE MEASURING FLUME
(Brass)I. Service Requirements

Since the HS flumes are designed to measure very small flows with a high degree of accuracy, it is necessary that the flume be constructed in strict accordance with the drawings and the following provisions of these specifications. It is especially important that the slanting opening be bounded by straight edges, have precisely the dimensions shown on the drawings, and lie in a plane having an inclination of the exact amount indicated on the drawings.

II. Drawings

The flume shall be constructed in compliance with drawing (figures 4 and 5) which is a part of these specifications.

III. Material

All materials used in the construction of this flume shall be new, of best commercial quality, and free from defects.

IV. Details of Construction

- a. General: The flume shall be fabricated by riveting and soldering. All joints and seams shall be watertight and strong. The best commercial practice shall be followed in all details of construction.
- b. Cutting of Plates: All plate edges shall be cut straight and sharp. The plates shall not be warped or otherwise distorted by the cutting.
- c. Dimensions: All dimensions for which tolerances are not indicated on the drawings shall be within one-eighth ($1/8$ ") inch of those given on the drawings.
- d. Outlet Openings: The slanting outlet opening shall be formed with special care so that its dimensions are precisely as shown on the drawing. This means that the slopes, or batters, indicated by the drawing must be rigidly adhered to. The edges of the outlet opening shall be straight and smooth.
- e. Fabrication: The plates shall be clamped rigidly in position and the proper dimensions and slopes obtained before the final connections are made. The side plates shall be perpendicular to the bottom of the flume. All cross sections of the flume shall be symmetrical about the longitudinal axis. All plates shall be flat and shall display no appreciable warp, dent, or other form of distortion.
- f. Riveting: All riveting shall be carried out in such a way that no projections occur on the inside of the flume. All depressions in the surfaces of the plates forming the inside of the flume shall be filled with solder and dressed smooth and flush with the surfaces of the plates. All rivets shall be solid and watertight.

V. Workmanship

All operations affecting the dimensions of the outlet opening and the straightness of its edges, shall be carried out by a skilled mechanic and shall be in accordance with good machine shop practice. The completed flume shall display no deep tool marks, dents, or other blemishes.

VI. Shipment

The flumes shall be crated or otherwise protected from damage during shipment. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage arising from lack of adequate protection.

VII. Inspection

Upon delivery, the flume shall be inspected to confirm its compliance with the plans and specifications. Final acceptance of the flume will not be made until this inspection has demonstrated that all dimensions, materials, and workmanship are satisfactory.

Table 2.- Rating tables for type HS flumes. Discharge in cubic feet per second; head in feet

TYPE HS FLUME 0.5 FOOT DEEP

Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	.00000	.00020	.00045	.00079	.00120	.00169	.00228	.00296	.00373
.1	.00460	.00558	.00668	.00785	.00911	.0105	.0120	.0137	.0154	.0172
.2	.0192	.0213	.0235	.0259	.0284	.0310	.0338	.0367	.0397	.0429
.3	.0462	.0497	.0533	.0571	.0611	.0651	.0694	.0738	.0783	.0831
.4	.0880	.0930	.0983	.104	.109	.115	.121	.127	.133	.140

TYPE HS FLUME 0.6 FOOT DEEP

Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	.00000	.00023	.00053	.00091	.00138	.00193	.00259	.00335	.00421
.1	.00517	.00625	.00742	.00867	.0100	.0115	.0131	.0148	.0166	.0186
.2	.0207	.0229	.0252	.0277	.0303	.0330	.0359	.0389	.0421	.0454
.3	.0489	.0524	.0562	.0601	.0641	.0683	.0727	.0772	.0819	.0868
.4	.0918	.0970	.102	.108	.114	.120	.126	.132	.138	.145
.5	.152	.159	.166	.173	.181	.188	.196	.205	.213	.221

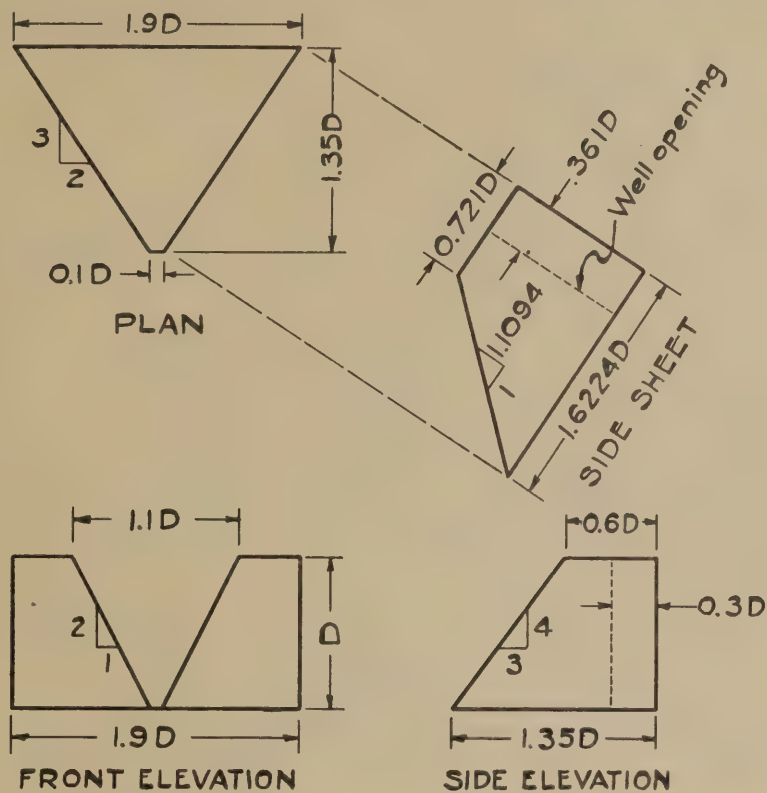
TYPE HS FLUME 0.8 FOOT DEEP

Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	.00000	.00030	.00068	.00116	.00174	.00242	.00322	.00412	.00513
.1	.00625	.00750	.00884	.0103	.0118	.0135	.0153	.0172	.0193	.0214
.2	.0237	.0262	.0287	.0314	.0343	.0373	.0404	.0437	.0471	.0506
.3	.0543	.0582	.0622	.0664	.0708	.0752	.0799	.0847	.0897	.0949
.4	.100	.106	.111	.117	.123	.129	.136	.142	.149	.156
.5	.163	.170	.178	.186	.193	.202	.210	.218	.227	.236
.6	.245	.254	.264	.273	.283	.293	.303	.314	.325	.336
.7	.347	.358	.370	.381	.393	.406	.418	.431	.444	.457

TYPE HS FLUME 1.0 FOOT DEEP

Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	.00000	.00037	.00083	.00141	.00209	.00290	.00384	.00489	.00606
.1	.00736	.00882	.0103	.0120	.0137	.0157	.0177	.0198	.0221	.0245
.2	.0270	.0297	.0325	.0355	.0386	.0418	.0452	.0488	.0525	.0563
.3	.0603	.0645	.0688	.0733	.0779	.0827	.0877	.0929	.0981	.104
.4	.109	.115	.121	.127	.134	.140	.147	.154	.161	.168
.5	.176	.183	.191	.199	.208	.216	.225	.233	.243	.252
.6	.261	.271	.281	.291	.301	.312	.322	.333	.344	.355
.7	.367	.379	.391	.403	.416	.428	.441	.454	.468	.481
.8	.495	.509	.524	.538	.553	.568	.583	.599	.614	.630
.9	.646	.663	.680	.697	.714	.731	.749	.767	.785	.803

Rating derived from tests made by the Soil Conservation Service at Washington, D. C. and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Table prepared April 1941.



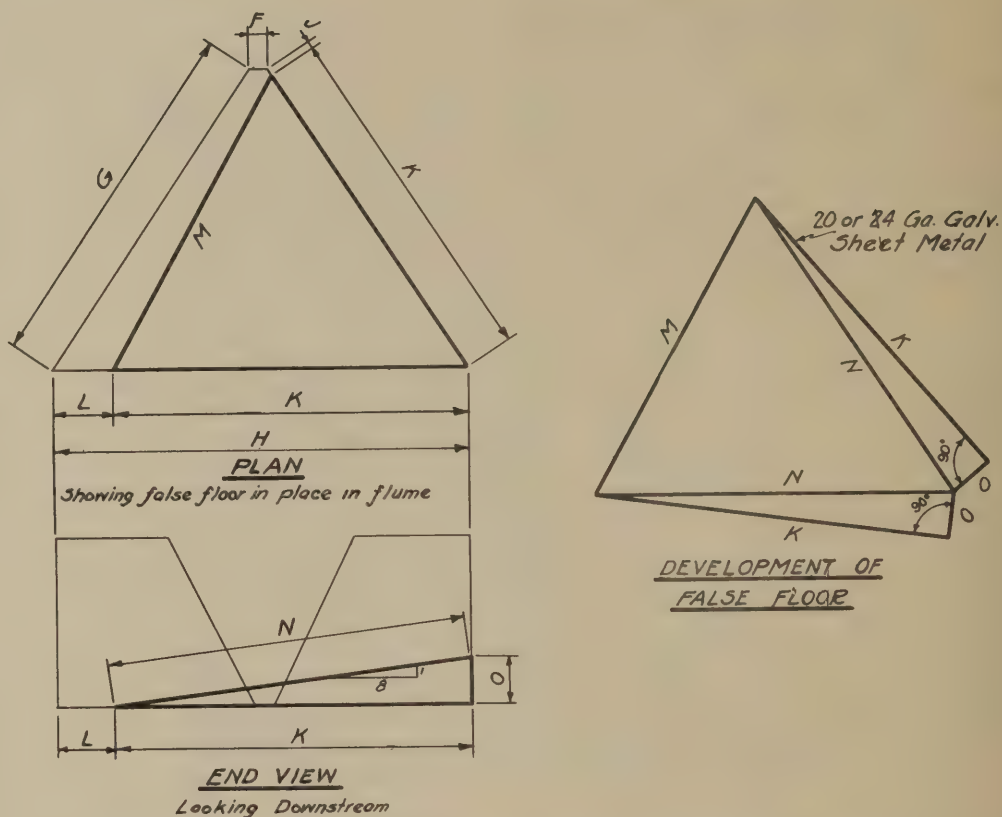
PROPORTIONS OF THE TYPE H FLUME

APPROXIMATE CAPACITIES	
DEPTH-D	CAPACITY
Feet	CFS
0.5	0.3+
0.75	1-
1.0	2
1.5	5+
2.0	11
2.5	19+
3.0	30+

Note: For flumes less than 1 foot deep, the length of flume is made greater than $1.35D$ so that the float well may be attached.

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Figure 6.—Proportions of the type H flume.



FLUME DEPTH	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	O
6	0.6	16 ¹ / ₂	19	³ / ₁₆	16 ⁵ / ₁₆	2 ¹ / ₁₆	15 ³ / ₈	16 ⁷ / ₁₆	2
9	0.9	19 ³ / ₁₆	22 ³ / ₁₆	¹ / ₄	18 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₄	17 ⁷ / ₈	19 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₈
12	1.2	21 ⁷ / ₈	25 ⁷ / ₁₆	⁵ / ₁₆	21 ⁹ / ₁₆	3 ⁷ / ₈	20 ³ / ₈	21 ³ / ₄	2 ¹ / ₁₆

All dimensions in inches

SLOPING FALSE FLOOR FOR USE IN
SMALL TYPE "H" FLUMES

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

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Figure 7.— Dimensions of sloping false floor H-S, .7S, and 1.0 ft. flumes.

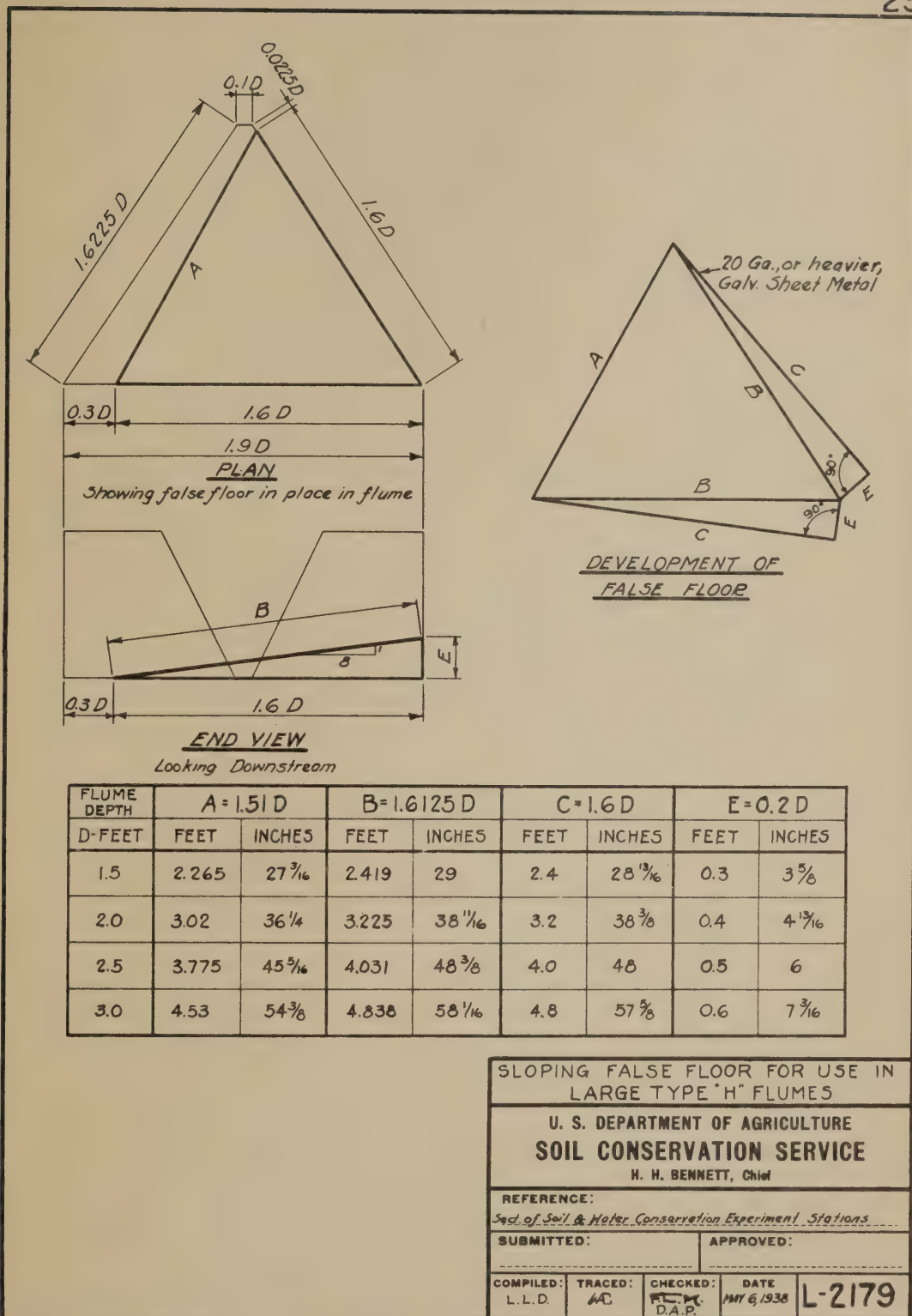


Figure 8.— Dimensions of sloping false floor for H-1.5, 2.0, 2.5 and 3.0 ft. flumes.

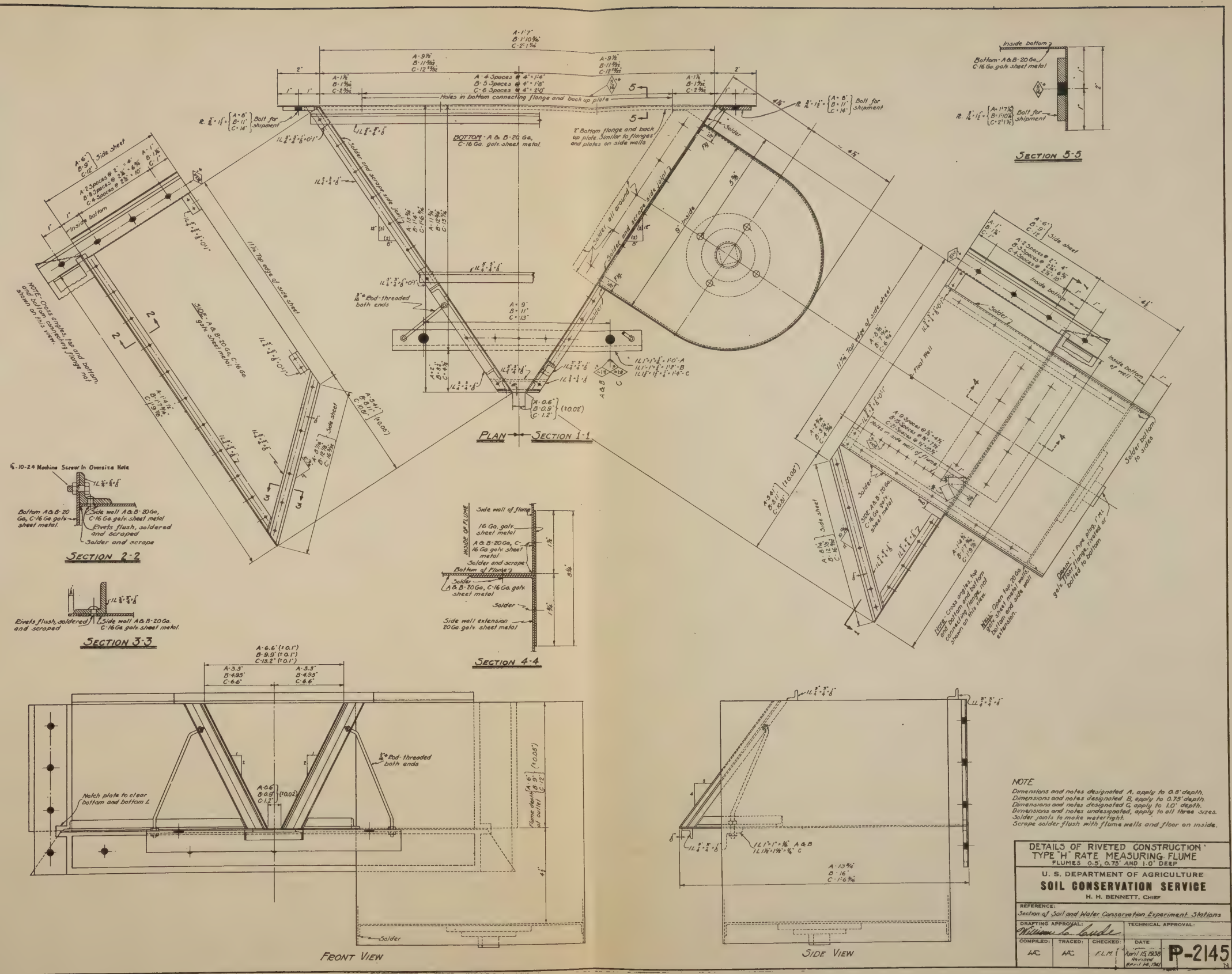
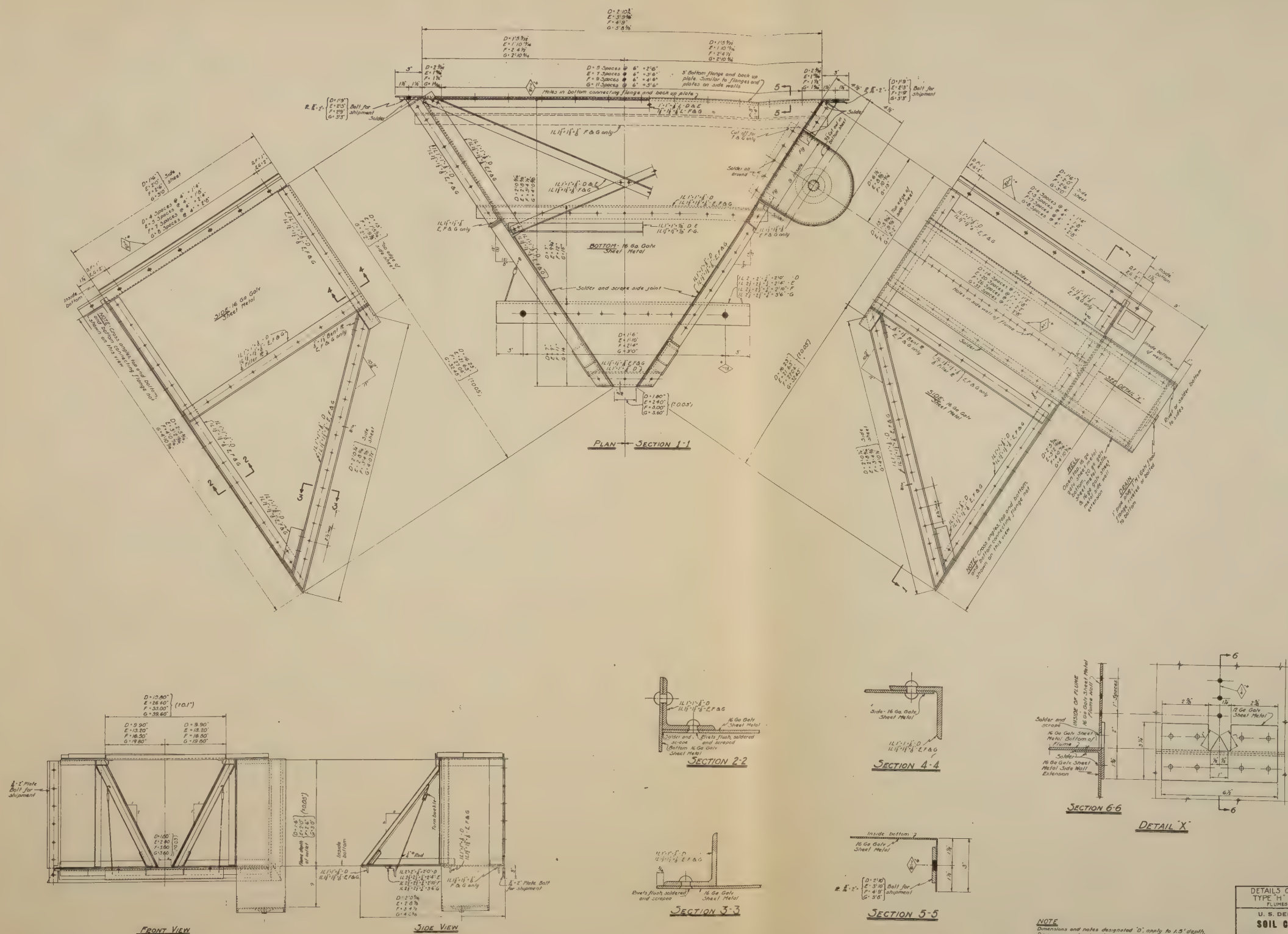


Figure 9. - Construction details of H-0.5, 0.75, and 1.0 ft. flumes.



NOTE
 Dimensions and notes designated "D" apply to 1.5' depth.
 Dimensions and notes designated "E" apply to 2.0' depth.
 Dimensions and notes designated "F" apply to 2.5' depth.
 Dimensions and notes designated "G" apply to 3.0' depth.
 Dimensions and notes undesignated apply to all four sizes.
 Solder joints to make watertight.
 Solder solder flush with flume walls and floor on inside.

DETAILS OF RIVETED CONSTRUCTION TYPE "H" RATE MEASURING FLUME FLUMES 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 AND 3.0' DEEP				
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE H. H. BENNETT, CHIEF				
REFERENCE: Section of Soil and Water Conservation Experiment Stations				
DRAWING APPROVED: <i>William L. Louder</i> TECHNICAL APPROVAL:				
COMPILED	TRACED	CHECKED	DATE	
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Figure 10.- Construction details of H-1.5, 2.0, 2.5 and 3.0 ft. flumes.

SPECIFICATIONS -- TYPE H RATE MEASURING FLUME
(Riveted Construction)

I. Service Requirements

To measure flows with the required degree of accuracy, it is necessary that the flume be constructed in strict accordance with the drawing and the following provisions of these specifications. It is especially important that the slanting opening be bounded by straight edges and have precisely the dimensions shown on the drawing.

II. Drawings

The flume shall be constructed in compliance with the proper drawing (figures 9, 10). (The depth of the flume desired is indicated on the appended invitation to bid). The necessary drawings are attached to and made a part of these specifications.

III. Material

- a. General: All materials used in the construction of this flume shall be new, of best commercial quality, and free from defects.
- b. Sheet Metal: The sheet metal shall be of galvanized open hearth iron or copper bearing steel.
- c. Structural Angles: All structural angles shall be made of high grade structural steel, and shall be galvanized. They shall be straight, and the surfaces of the legs shall be planes.
- d. Rivets: All rivets shall be of non-rusting ferrous alloy or of iron coated with non-rusting material.

IV. Details of Construction

- a. General: The flume shall be fabricated by riveting and soldering. All joints and seams shall be watertight and strong. The best commercial practice shall be followed in all details of construction.
- b. Cutting of Plates: All plate edges shall be cut straight and sharp. The plates shall not be warped or otherwise distorted by the cutting.
- c. Joints: The vertical sides of the flume shall be made from one sheet. The bottom plate shall not contain more than one joint and no portion of this joint shall lie within twelve (12") inches of the outlet opening. Any necessary joint in the bottom plate shall be transverse to the longitudinal axis of the flume and shall be made so that the joint is substantially flush.
- d. Dimensions: All dimensions for which tolerances are not indicated on the drawings shall be within one-fourth (1/4") inch of those given on the drawings.
- e. Outlet Openings: The slanting outlet opening shall be formed with special care so that its dimensions are precisely as shown on the drawing. This means that the slopes indicated by the drawing must be rigidly adhered to. The edges of the outlet opening shall be straight and smooth.
- f. Fabrication: The plates shall be clamped rigidly in position and the proper dimensions and slopes obtained before the final connections are made. The side plates shall be perpendicular to the bottom of the flume. All cross sections of the flume shall be symmetrical about the longitudinal axis. All plates shall be flat and shall display no appreciable warp, dent, or other form of distortion.
- g. Riveting: All riveting shall be carried out in such a way that no projections occur on the inside of the flume. All depressions in the surfaces of the plates forming the inside of the flume shall be filled with solder and dressed smooth and flush with the surfaces of the plates. All rivets shall be solid and watertight.

V. Workmanship

All operations affecting the dimensions of the outlet opening and the straightness of its edges, shall be carried out by a skilled mechanic and shall be in accordance with good machine shop practice. The best sheet metal shop practices shall be followed in all other operations. The completed flume shall display no deep tool marks, dents, or other blemishes.

VI. Shipment

The flumes shall be crated or otherwise protected from damage during shipment. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage arising from lack of adequate protection.

VII. Inspection

Upon delivery, the flume shall be inspected to confirm its compliance with the plans and specifications. Final acceptance of the flume will not be made until this inspection has demonstrated that all dimensions, materials, and workmanship are satisfactory.

Table 3.- Rating tables for type H flumes. Discharge in cubic feet per second, head in feet.

Type H flume 0.5 foot deep											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
0	0	T.	.0004	.0009	.0016	.0024	.0035	.0047	.0063	.0080	
.1	.0101	.0122	.0146	.0173	.0202	.0233	.0267	.0304	.0343	.0385	
.2	.0431	.0479	.0530	.0585	.0643	.0704	.0767	.0834	.0905	.0979	
.3	.1057	.1139	.1224	.1314	.1407	.1505	.1607	.1713	.1823	.1938	
.4	.205	.217	.230	.244	.257	.271	.285	.300	.315	.331	
October 1938											
0	0	T.	.0006	.0013	.0022	.0032	.0046	.0061	.0080	.0101	
.1	.0126	.0151	.0179	.0210	.0242	.0278	.0317	.0358	.0403	.0451	
.2	.0501	.0555	.0612	.0672	.0735	.0802	.0872	.0946	.1023	.1104	
.3	.119	.128	.137	.146	.156	.167	.177	.188	.199	.211	
.4	.224	.237	.250	.263	.277	.291	.306	.321	.337	.353	
.5	.370	.388	.406	.424	.443	.462	.482	.502	.523	.544	
.6	.566	.588	.611	.635	.659	.683	.708	.734	.760	.786	
.7	.813	.841	.869	.898	.927	.957					
January 1939											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
0	0	T.	.0007	.0017	.0027	.0040	.0056	.0075	.0097	.0122	
.1	.0150	.0179	.0211	.0246	.0284	.0324	.0367	.0413	.0462	.0515	
.2	.0571	.0630	.0692	.0758	.0827	.0900	.0976	.1055	.1138	.1226	
.3	.132	.141	.151	.161	.172	.183	.194	.206	.218	.231	
.4	.244	.257	.271	.285	.300	.315	.331	.347	.364	.381	
.5	.398	.416	.434	.453	.472	.492	.512	.533	.554	.576	
.6	.598	.621	.644	.668	.692	.717	.743	.769	.796	.823	
.7	.851	.880	.909	.939	.969	1.000	1.031	1.063	1.096	1.129	
.8	1.16	1.20	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.34	1.38	1.41	1.45	1.49	
.9	1.53	1.57	1.61	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.78	1.83	1.87	1.92	
October 1938											

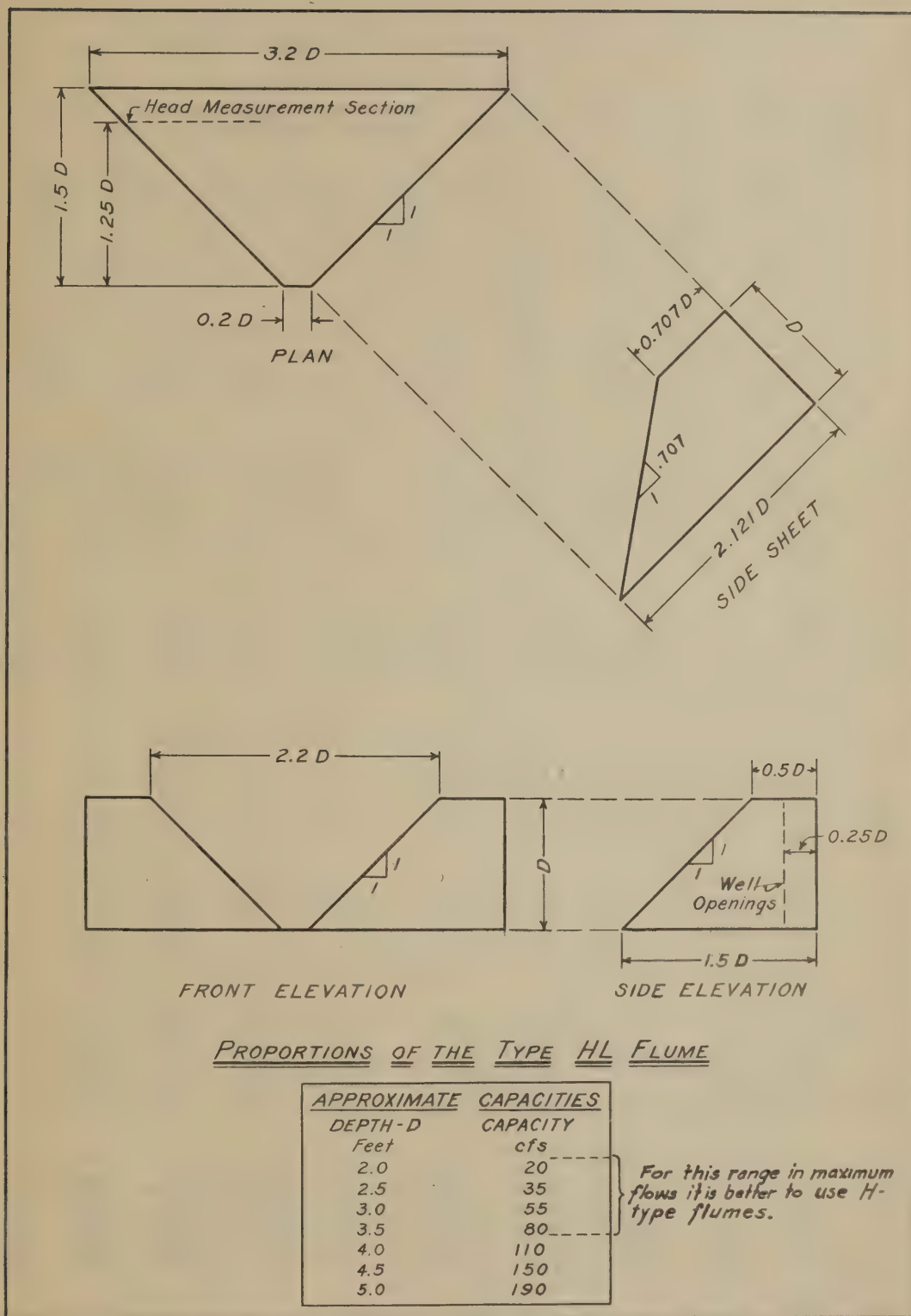
Type H flume 0.75 foot deep											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
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.1	.0126	.0151	.0179	.0210	.0242	.0278	.0317	.0358	.0403	.0451	
.2	.0501	.0555	.0612	.0672	.0735	.0802	.0872	.0946	.1023	.1104	
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.4	.224	.237	.250	.263	.277	.291	.306	.321	.337	.353	
.5	.370	.388	.406	.424	.443	.462	.482	.502	.523	.544	
.6	.566	.588	.611	.635	.659	.683	.708	.734	.760	.786	
.7	.813	.841	.869	.898	.927	.957					
January 1939											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
0	0	T.	.0007	.0017	.0027	.0040	.0056	.0075	.0097	.0122	
.1	.0150	.0179	.0211	.0246	.0284	.0324	.0367	.0413	.0462	.0515	
.2	.0571	.0630	.0692	.0758	.0827	.0900	.0976	.1055	.1138	.1226	
.3	.132	.141	.151	.161	.172	.183	.194	.206	.218	.231	
.4	.244	.257	.271	.285	.300	.315	.331	.347	.364	.381	
.5	.398	.416	.434	.453	.472	.492	.512	.533	.554	.576	
.6	.598	.621	.644	.668	.692	.717	.743	.769	.796	.823	
.7	.851	.880	.909	.939	.969	1.000	1.031	1.063	1.096	1.129	
.8	1.16	1.20	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.34	1.38	1.41	1.45	1.49	
.9	1.53	1.57	1.61	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.78	1.83	1.87	1.92	
October 1938											

Type H flume 1.0 foot deep											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
0	0	T.	.0007	.0017	.0027	.0040	.0056	.0075	.0097	.0122	
.1	.0150	.0179	.0211	.0246	.0284	.0324	.0367	.0413	.0462	.0515	
.2	.0571	.0630	.0692	.0758	.0827	.0900	.0976	.1055	.1138	.1226	
.3	.132	.141	.151	.161	.172	.183	.194	.206	.218	.231	
.4	.244	.257	.271	.285	.300	.315	.331	.347	.364	.381	
.5	.398	.416	.434	.453	.472	.492	.512	.533	.554	.576	
.6	.598	.621	.644	.668	.692	.717	.743	.769	.796	.823	
.7	.851	.880	.909	.939	.969	1.000	1.031	1.063	1.096	1.129	
.8	1.16	1.20	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.34	1.38	1.41	1.45	1.49	
.9	1.53	1.57	1.61	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.78	1.83	1.87	1.92	
October 1938											

Type H flume 1.5 foot deep											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
0	0	T.	.0007	.0017	.0027	.0040	.0056	.0075	.0097	.0122	
.1	.0150	.0179	.0211	.0246	.0284	.0324	.0367	.0413	.0462	.0515	
.2	.0571	.0630	.0692	.0758	.0827	.0900	.0976	.1055	.1138	.1226	
.3	.132	.141	.151	.161	.172	.183	.194	.206	.218	.231	
.4	.244	.257	.271	.285	.300	.315	.331	.347	.364	.381	
.5	.398	.416	.434	.453	.472	.492	.512	.533	.554	.576	
.6	.598	.621	.644	.668	.692	.717	.743	.769	.796	.823	
.7	.851	.880	.909	.939	.969	1.000	1.031	1.063	1.096	1.129	
.8	1.16	1.20	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.34	1.38	1.41	1.45	1.49	
.9	1.53	1.57	1.61	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.78	1.83	1.87	1.92	
October 1938											

Type H flume 2.0 foot deep											
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	
Feet											
0	0	T.	.0007	.0017	.0027	.0040	.0056	.0075	.0097	.0122	
.1	.0150	.0179	.0211	.0246	.0284	.0324	.0367	.0413	.0462	.0515	
.2	.0571	.0630	.0692	.0758	.0827	.0900	.0976	.1055	.1138	.1226	
.3	.132	.141	.151	.161	.172	.183	.194	.206	.218	.231	
.4	.244	.257	.271	.285	.300	.315	.331	.347	.364	.381	
.5	.398	.416	.434	.453	.472	.492	.512	.533	.554	.576	
.6	.598	.621	.644	.668	.692	.717	.743	.769	.796	.823	
.7	.851	.880	.909	.939	.969	1.000	1.031	1.063	1.096	1.129	
.8	1.16	1.20	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.34	1.38	1.41	1.45	1.49	
.9	1.53	1.57	1.61	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.78	1.83	1.87	1.92	
October 1938											

Rating derived from tests made by the Soil Conservation Service at the Hydraulic Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards



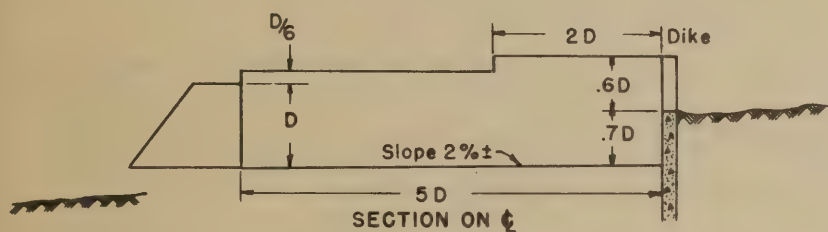
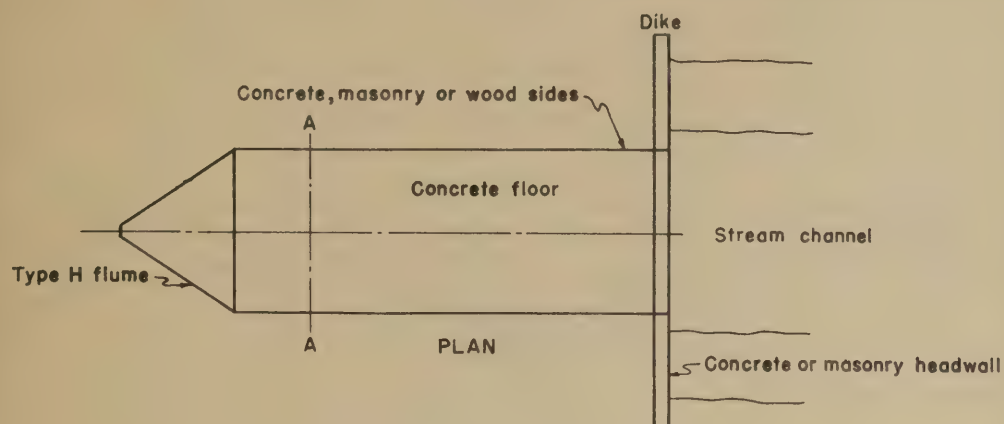
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Figure II.- Dimensions of HL-type flumes.

Table 4.- Rating table for 4-ft. HL Flume. Discharge in cubic feet per second; head in feet

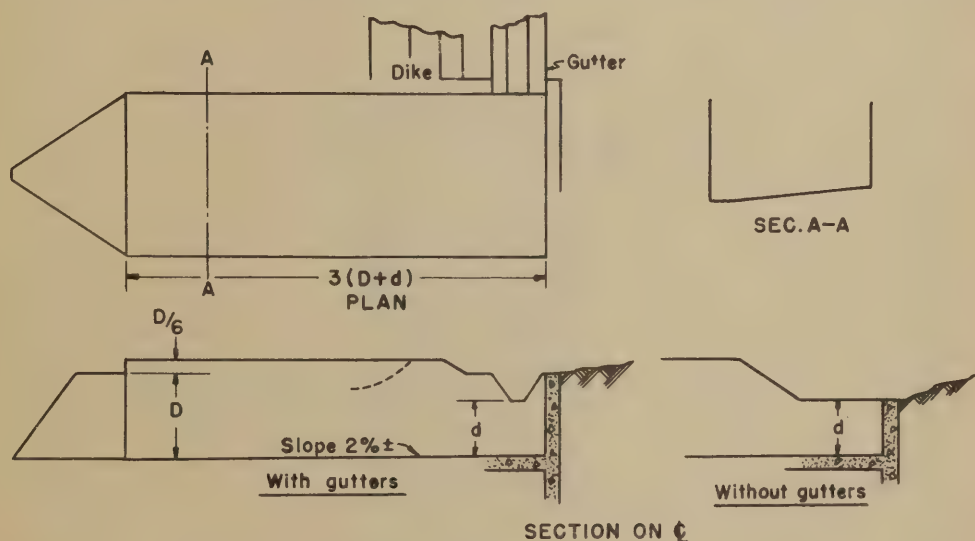
Head	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
Feet										
0	.000	.000	.005	.012	.020	.029	.039	.050	.062	.075
.1	.089	.103	.119	.135	.152	.170	.190	.211	.232	.255
.2	.278	.302	.327	.352	.378	.405	.434	.465	.497	.530
.3	.565	.600	.635	.670	.705	.740	.780	.820	.860	.900
.4	.940	.982	1.03	1.08	1.12	1.17	1.22	1.27	1.32	1.37
.5	1.42	1.48	1.53	1.59	1.64	1.70	1.76	1.82	1.88	1.94
.6	2.01	2.07	2.14	2.21	2.28	2.35	2.42	2.49	2.56	2.64
.7	2.71	2.79	2.87	2.95	3.03	3.11	3.19	3.28	3.36	3.44
.8	3.53	3.61	3.70	3.79	3.88	3.98	4.08	4.18	4.28	4.38
.9	4.48	4.58	4.68	4.79	4.90	5.01	5.12	5.23	5.34	5.45
1.0	5.56	5.68	5.80	5.92	6.04	6.16	6.28	6.40	6.52	6.64
1.1	6.76	6.89	7.02	7.15	7.28	7.41	7.54	7.67	7.80	7.93
1.2	8.06	8.20	8.35	8.50	8.65	8.80	8.95	9.10	9.25	9.40
1.3	9.55	9.70	9.90	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.7	10.8	11.0
1.4	11.2	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.9	12.1	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.8
1.5	13.0	13.2	13.3	13.5	13.7	13.9	14.1	14.3	14.5	14.7
1.6	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.9	16.2	16.4	16.6	16.8
1.7	17.0	17.2	17.4	17.6	17.8	18.1	18.3	18.5	18.7	19.0
1.8	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.9	20.2	20.4	20.6	20.9	21.2	21.4
1.9	21.7	21.9	22.1	22.4	22.7	23.0	23.2	23.4	23.7	24.0
2.0	24.3	24.5	24.8	25.0	25.3	25.6	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7
2.1	27.0	27.3	27.6	27.9	28.2	28.5	28.8	29.1	29.4	29.7
2.2	30.0	30.3	30.6	30.9	31.2	31.5	31.9	32.2	32.5	32.8
2.3	33.1	33.5	33.8	34.1	34.5	34.8	35.1	35.4	35.8	36.1
2.4	36.5	36.8	37.1	37.4	37.8	38.2	38.5	38.8	39.1	39.5
2.5	39.9	40.3	40.6	41.0	41.4	41.7	42.1	42.4	42.8	43.2
2.6	43.6	43.9	44.3	44.7	45.1	45.5	45.8	46.2	46.6	47.1
2.7	47.5	47.9	48.2	48.6	49.0	49.4	49.8	50.2	50.7	51.1
2.8	51.6	52.0	52.4	52.8	53.3	53.7	54.1	54.5	54.9	55.4
2.9	55.9	56.3	56.7	57.2	57.6	58.1	58.6	59.1	59.5	59.9
3.0	60.3	60.8	61.3	61.8	62.3	62.8	63.2	63.7	64.1	64.6
3.1	65.1	65.6	66.1	66.6	67.1	67.5	68.0	68.5	69.0	69.5
3.2	70.0	70.5	71.0	71.5	72.0	72.5	73.0	73.5	74.0	74.5
3.3	75.0	75.5	76.0	76.5	77.0	77.6	78.2	78.7	79.3	79.9
3.4	80.5	80.9	81.5	82.0	82.6	83.1	83.6	84.2	84.8	85.3
3.5	85.9	86.5	87.1	87.7	88.3	88.9	89.5	90.1	90.7	91.3
3.6	91.9	92.5	93.1	93.7	94.3	94.9	95.5	96.1	96.7	97.4
3.7	98.0	98.6	99.2	99.8	100.	101.	102.	102.	103.0	104.
3.8	104.	105.	106.	106.	107.	107.	108.	109.	109.	110.
3.9	111.	111.	112.	113.	113.	114.	115.	115.	116.	116.
4.0	117.									

Rating derived from tests made at the National Bureau of Standards.
Table prepared July 1940.



STRAIGHT HEADWALL INSTALLATION

(for use when flume is to be installed in a well defined natural channel)



DROP BOX INSTALLATION

(for use when the runoff must be concentrated by gutters or dikes)

Figure 12—Type HS, H and HL flume installation

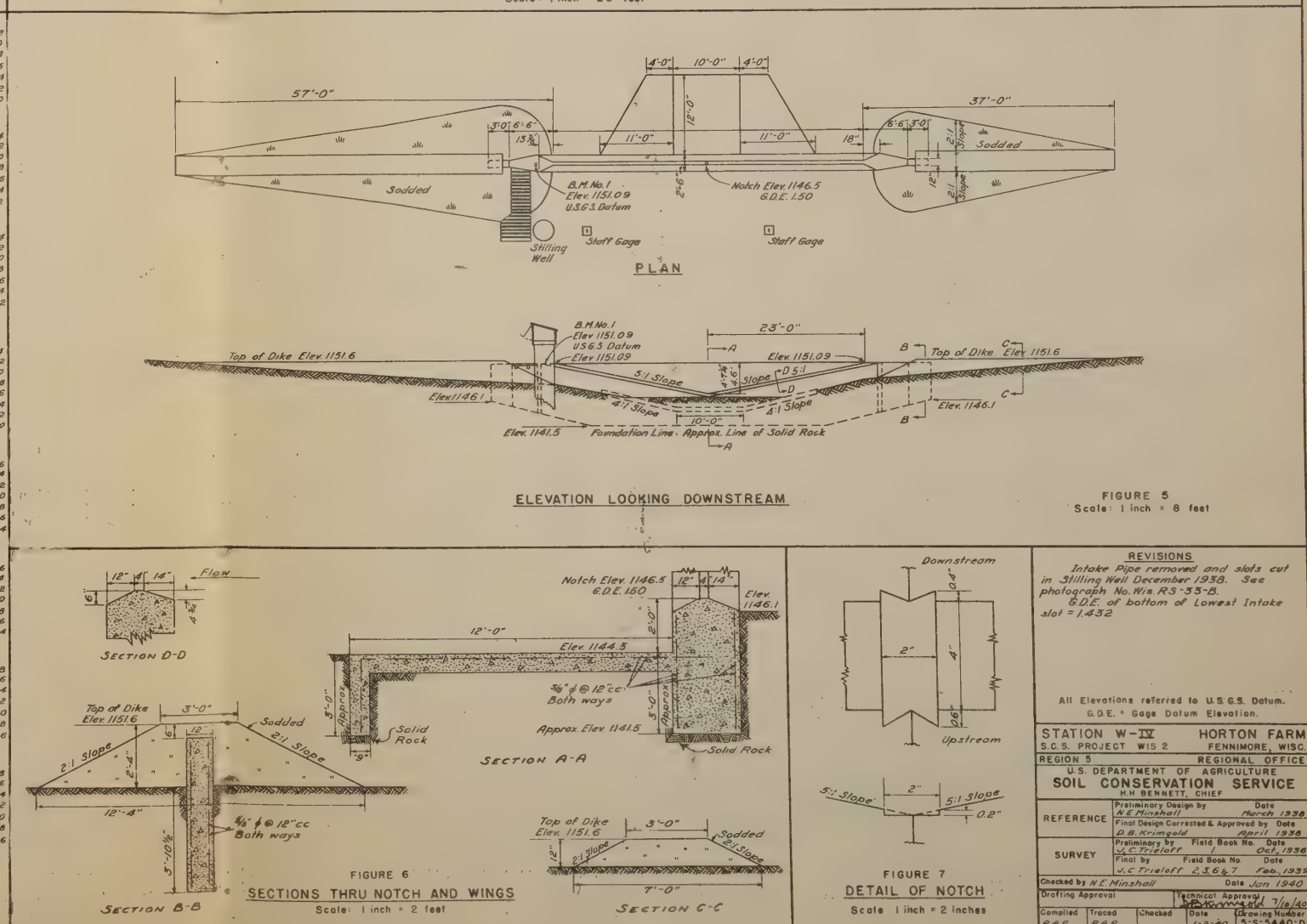
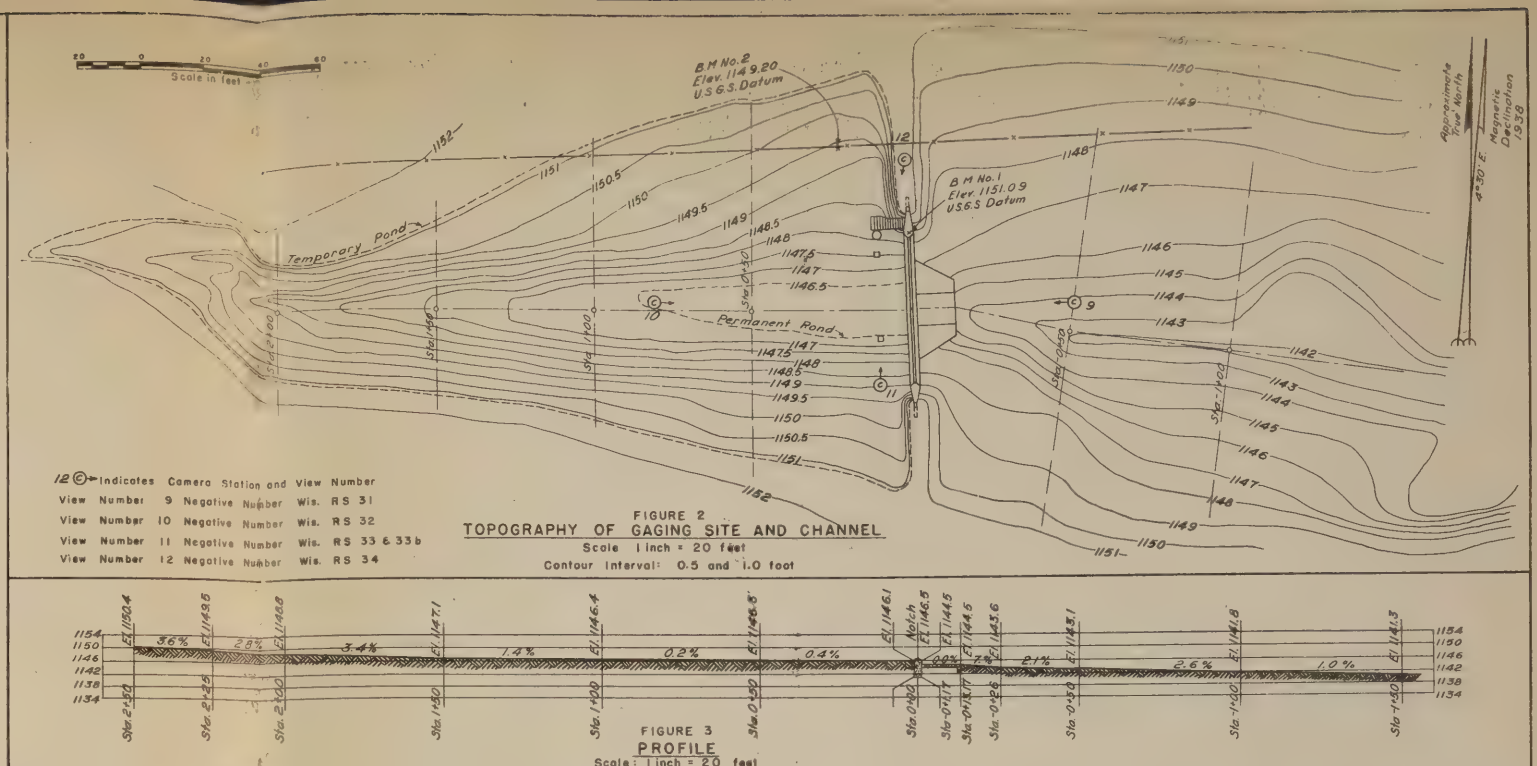
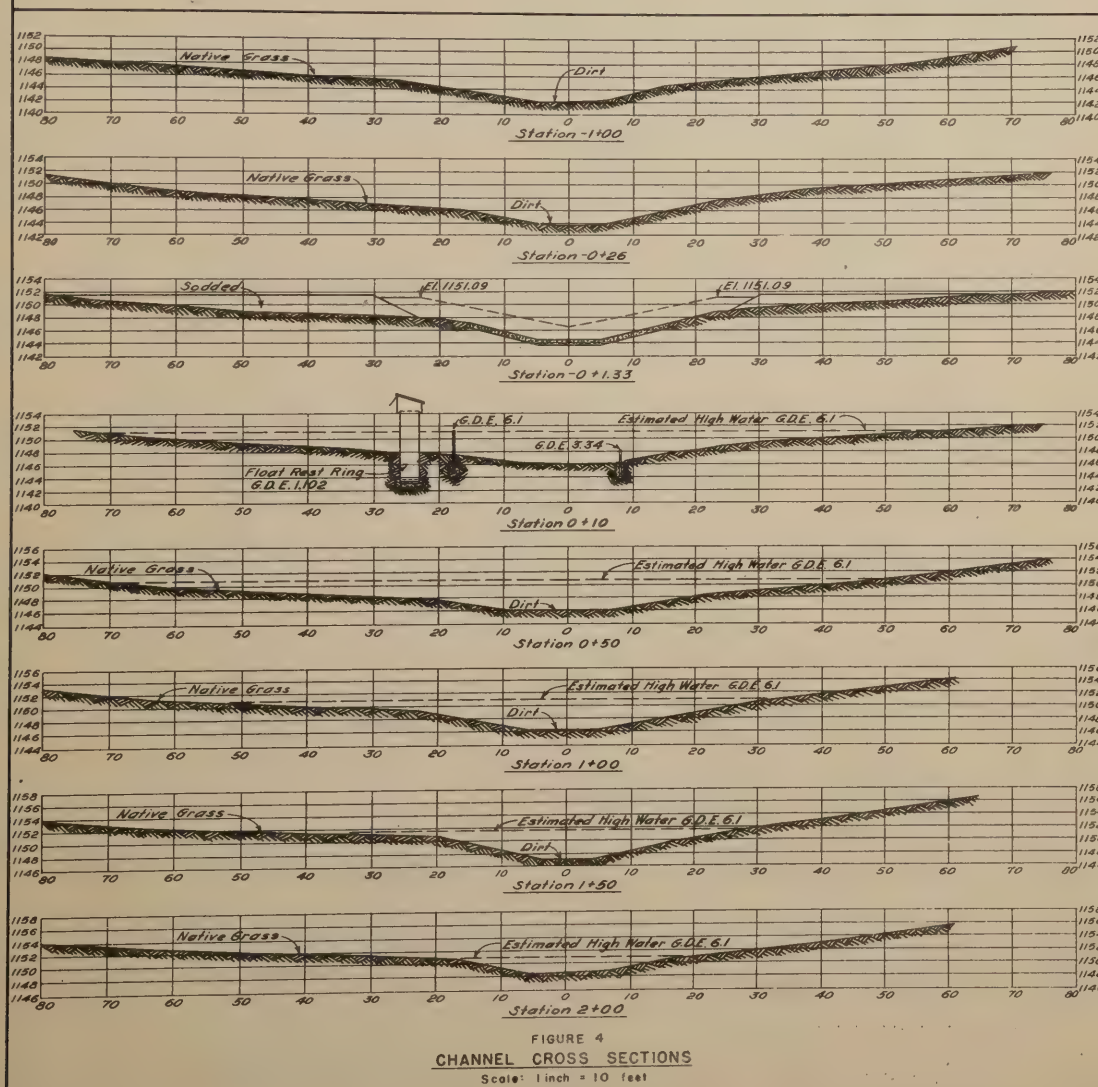
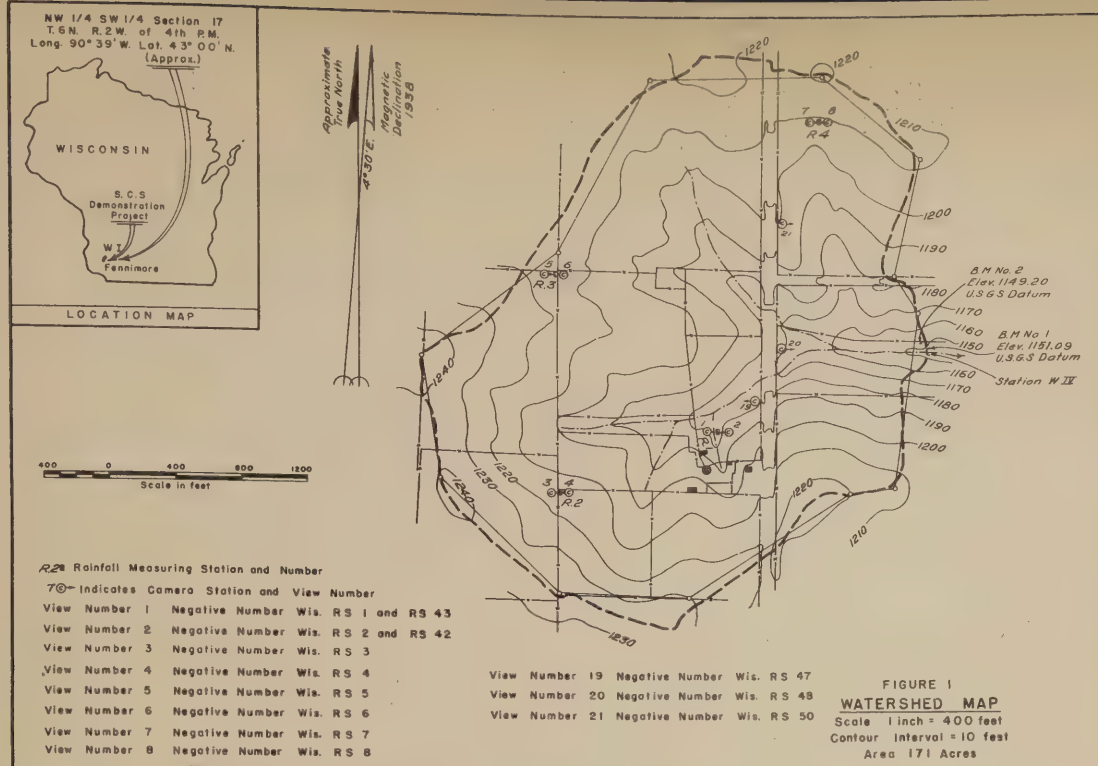


Figure 14.-Plan and construction details of a 5:1 triangular weir.

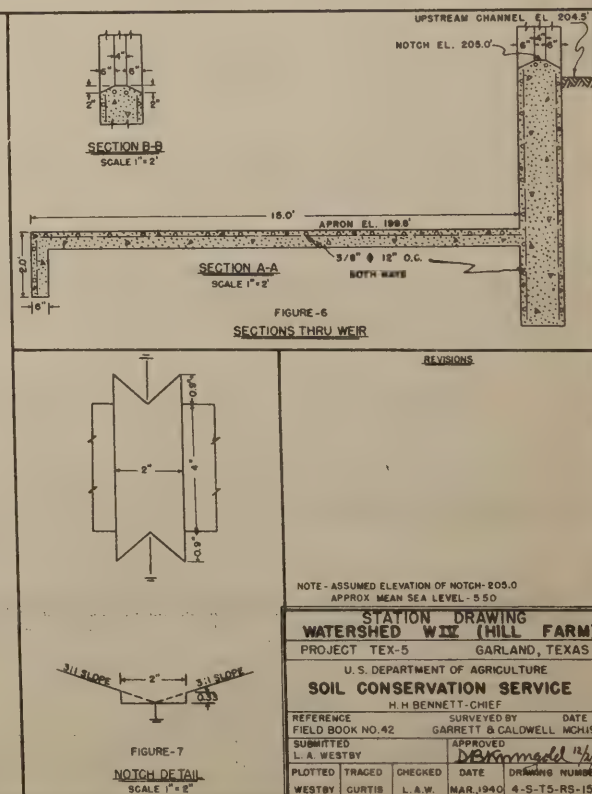
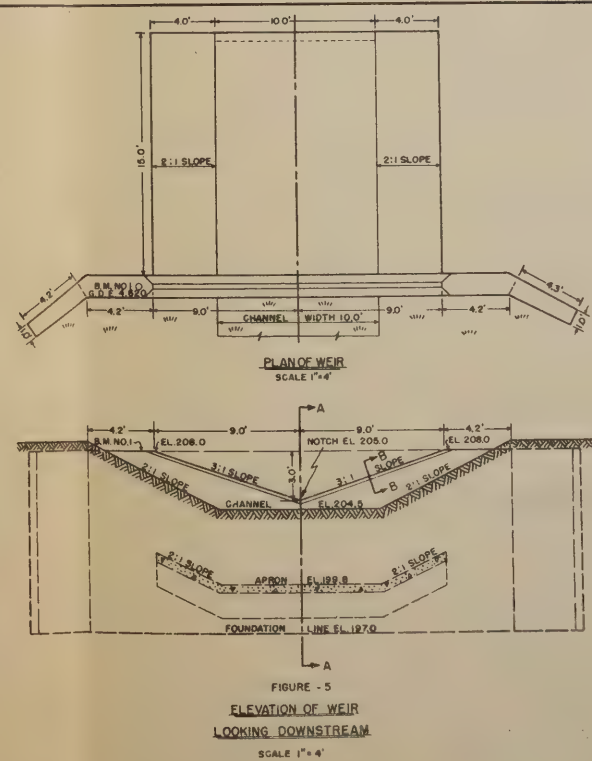
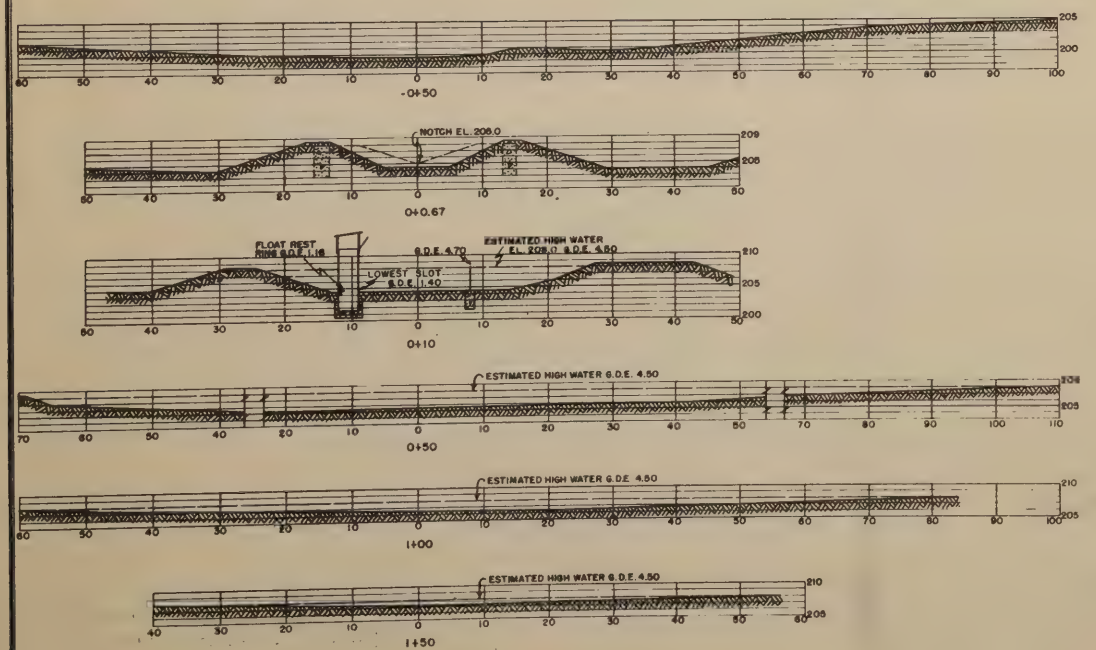
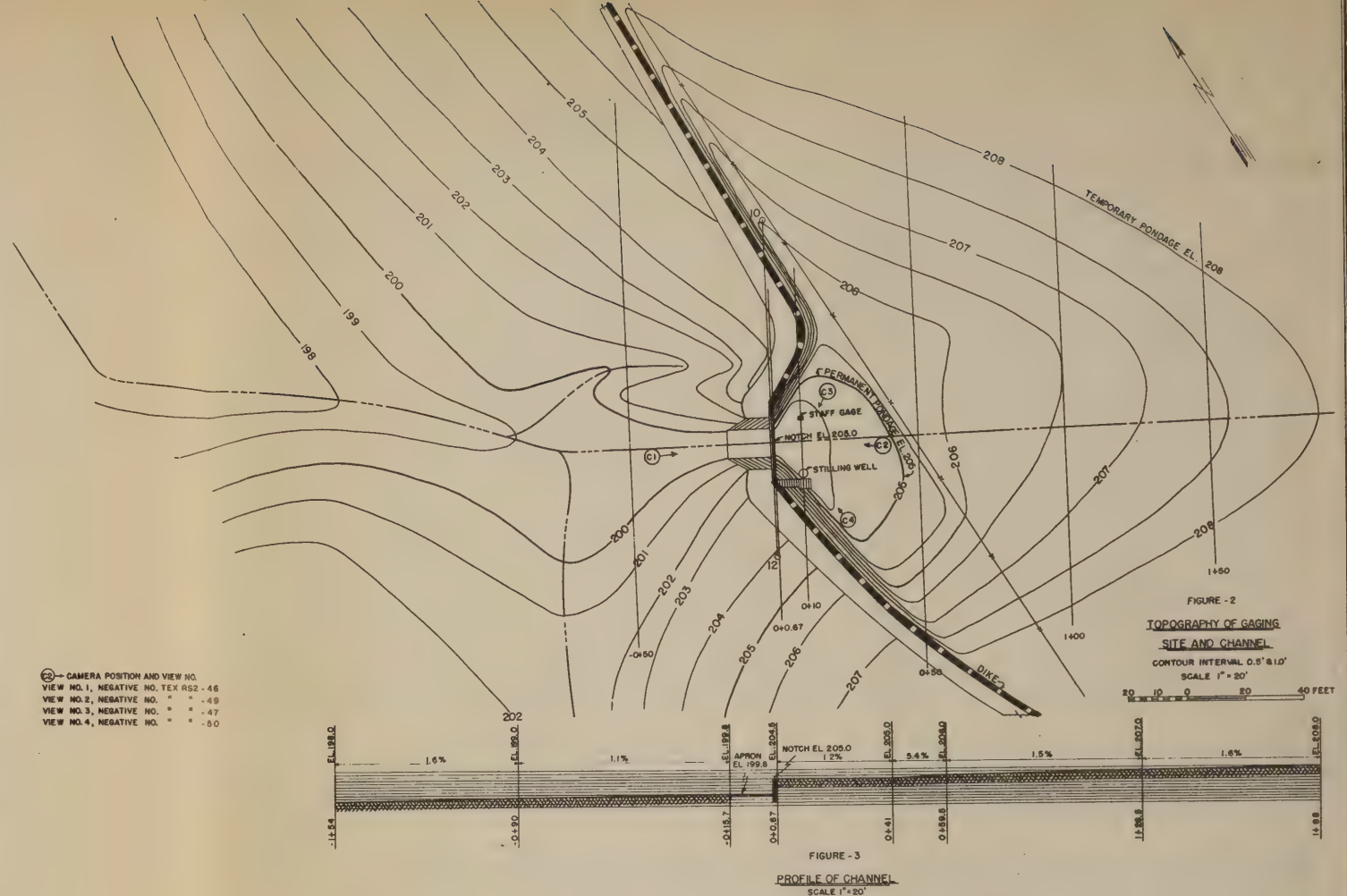
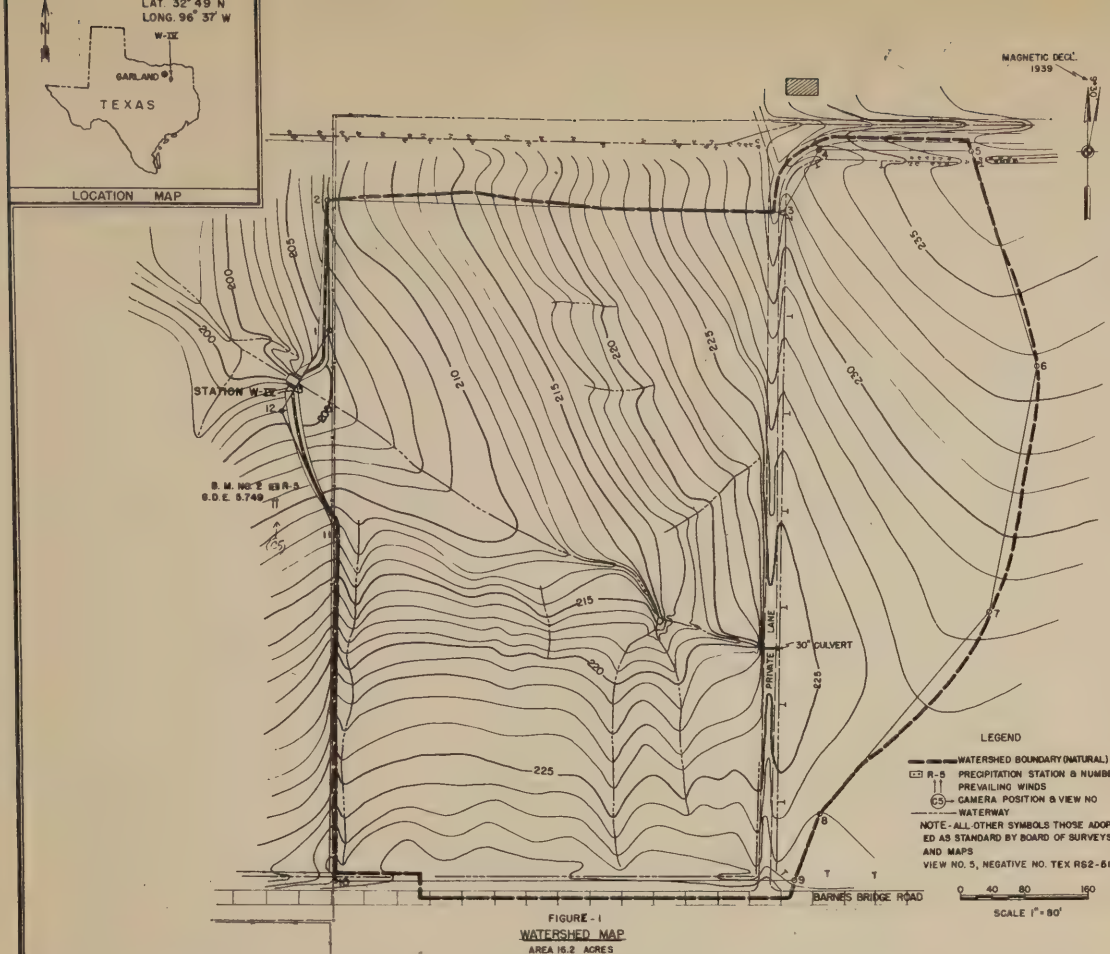


Figure 15.- Plan and construction details of a 3:1 triangular weir.

Table 5. - Discharge values for triangular weirs corresponding to various cross-sectional areas of the channel of approach 10 feet upstream from center of crest.

1-foot head				2-foot head				3-foot head				4-foot head				5-foot head				6-foot head			
Area		Dis-charge		Area		Dis-charge		Area		Dis-charge		Area		Dis-charge		Area		Dis-charge		Area		Dis-charge	
Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.	Sq. ft.	C. f. s.
6.0	5.60	13.0	41.3	26.0	132	46	279	72	500	102	900	102	900	8.0	8.37	20.0	57.3	40.0	188	70.0	425	110	715
6.2	5.88	13.2	40.6	26.2	129	47	299	73	480	103	840	103	840	8.5	8.30	22.0	54.4	41.0	180	72.0	388	115	655
6.4	5.86	13.4	40.0	26.4	127	48	250	74	464	104	790	104	790	9.0	8.25	24.0	52.7	42.0	175	74.0	373	120	625
6.6	5.84	13.6	39.4	26.6	125	49	244	75	450	105	750	105	750	9.5	8.22	26.0	51.5	44.0	167	76.0	360	125	605
6.8	5.82	13.8	38.9	26.8	124	50	239	76	437	106	725	106	725	10.0	8.19	28.0	50.8	47.0	159	78.0	352	130	590
7.0	5.81	14.0	38.4	27.0	123	52	231	77	428	107	706	107	706	11.0	8.13	30.0	50.2	50.0	154	80.0	345	135	576
7.2	5.81	14.2	37.9	27.2	118	54	225	78	420	108	692	108	692	12.0	8.08	32.0	49.8	52.0	152	82.0	339	140	564
7.4	5.80	14.4	37.5	27.5	116	56	220	79	413	109	682	109	682	13.0	8.04	34.0	49.4	54.0	150	84.0	334	145	556
7.6	5.48	14.6	37.2	28.0	114	58	216	80	408	110	675	110	675	14.0	8.02	36.0	49.1	56.0	148	86.0	329	150	549
7.8	5.47	14.8	36.9	28.5	112	60	213	82	400	112	660	112	660	15.0	8.00	38.0	48.9	58.0	147	88.0	325	155	543
8.0	5.45	15.0	36.6	30.0	108	62	210	84	393	114	647	114	647	20.0	7.95	40.0	48.7	60.0	146	90.0	321	160	537
8.5	5.44	15.2	36.4	32.0	104	64	207	86	387	116	636	116	636	25.0	7.92	42.0	48.5	62.0	145	92.0	318	165	532
9.0	5.43	15.4	36.2	34.0	102	66	205	88	382	118	627	118	627	30.0	7.92	44.0	48.3	64.0	144	94.0	315	170	528
9.5	5.43	15.6	35.8	36.0	98.0	68	203	90	378	120	620	120	620	35.0	7.92	46.0	48.2	66.0	143	96.0	312	175	524
10.0	5.42	15.8	35.6	40.0	97.0	72	200	95	370	125	605	125	605	40.0	7.92	48.0	48.1	68.0	143	98.0	310	180	521
11.0	5.41	16.0	35.2	42.0	96.0	74	199	105	359	130	592	130	592	45.0	7.92	50.0	48.0	70.0	142	100	308	185	518
12.0	5.40	17.0	34.8	44.0	95.0	76	198	110	354	140	572	140	572	50.0	7.92	52.0	47.9	72.0	142	105	304	190	515
13.0	5.39	17.5	34.5	46.0	94.0	78	197	115	350	145	565	145	565	60.0	7.92	56.0	47.8	74.0	141	110	300	195	512
14.0	5.39	18.0	34.3	48.0	93.5	80	196	120	346	150	560	150	560	70.0	7.92	58.0	47.7	76.0	140	115	297	200	510
15.0	5.38	18.5	34.0	50.0	93.0	82	195	125	343	160	548	160	548	80.0	7.92	60.0	47.5	80.0	139	120	295	210	508
20.0	5.37	20.0	33.6	55.0	92.0	84	194	130	341	170	541	170	541	85.0	7.92	62.0	47.5	82.0	139	125	293	220	506
25.0	5.36	21.0	33.4	60.0	91.0	86	193	140	337	180	537	180	537	90.0	7.92	64.0	47.4	84.0	139	130	291	230	504
30.0	5.36	22.0	33.2	65.0	90.5	88	192	150	334	200	528	200	528	95.0	7.92	66.0	47.4	86.0	138	140	287	240	502
35.0	5.35	23.0	33.1	70.0	90.0	90	191	160	331	220	523	220	523	100	7.92	68.0	47.4	88.0	138	145	286	250	500
40.0	5.35	24.0	33.0	75.0	89.5	92	190	170	328	240	518	240	518	105	7.92	70.0	47.3	90.0	138	150	285	260	498
45.0	5.35	25.0	32.9	80.0	89.0	94	189	180	325	270	514	270	514	110	7.92	72.0	47.3	95.0	138	155	285	270	496
50.0	5.35	26.0	32.8	85.0	88.8	96	188	190	323	300	510	300	510	115	7.92	74.0	47.2	100	137	160	284	280	494
55.0	5.34	27.0	32.7	90.0	88.6	98	187	200	321	330	508	330	508	120	7.92	76.0	47.2	110	136	165	284	290	493
60.0	5.34	28.0	32.6	95.0	88.4	100	186	210	320	360	506	360	506	125	7.92	78.0	47.1	120	135	168	283	300	492
65.0	5.34	29.0	32.5	100.0	88.2	102	185	220	319	390	505	390	505	130	7.92	80.0	47.1	130	134	170	281	310	490
70.0	5.34	30.0	32.4	105.0	88.0	104	184	230	318	420	504	420	504	135	7.92	82.0	47.1	140	134	175	280	320	488
75.0	5.34	31.0	32.3	110.0	87.8	106	183	240	317	450	503	450	503	140	7.92	84.0	47.1	150	133	178	277	330	486
80.0	5.34	32.0	32.2	115.0	87.6	108	183	250	316	480	502	480	502	145	7.92	86.0	47.0	160	133	180	276	340	485
																150	47.0	200	133	400	275	550	484
																150	47.0	250	132	500	275	600	484

Based on Hydraulic Laboratory tests made by the Soil Conservation Service at Cornell University, Ithaca N. Y.

Table 6.

Discharge values in cubic feet per second for 2:1 triangular weirs for heads up to 0.70-foot applicable to stations with cross-sectional areas through intake equal to or greater than 6 square feet for 1.0-foot head.

Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	T.	T.	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.007	0.010	0.013
.10	.017	.021	.027	.033	.039	.046	.055	.064	.073	.083
.20	.094	.105	.116	.131	.147	.163	.179	.195	.214	.233
.30	.252	.273	.295	.318	.342	.368	.395	.423	.452	.482
.40	.514	.547	.581	.616	.653	.691	.731	.772	.814	.858
.50	.903	.950	.998	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.26	1.32	1.38
.60	1.44	1.50	1.56	1.63	1.70	1.77	1.84	1.92	2.00	2.08
.70	2.16									

Discharge values in cubic feet per second for 3:1 triangular weirs for heads up to 0.70-foot applicable to stations with cross-sectional areas through intake equal to or greater than 8 square feet for 1.0-foot head.

Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	T.	T.	0.001	0.003	0.005	0.007	0.010	0.014	0.019
.10	.025	.031	.038	.046	.055	.065	.076	.088	.101	.116
.20	.132	.149	.167	.187	.208	.230	.254	.279	.306	.334
.30	.364	.394	.427	.462	.499	.537	.577	.619	.663	.709
.40	.757	.807	.859	.913	.969	1.03	1.09	1.15	1.21	1.28
.50	1.35	1.42	1.49	1.57	1.65	1.73	1.81	1.89	1.98	2.07
.60	2.16	2.25	2.35	2.45	2.55	2.65	2.76	2.87	2.98	3.09
.70	3.21									

Discharge values in cubic feet per second for 5:1 triangular weirs for heads up to 0.70-foot applicable to stations with cross-sectional areas through intake equal to or greater than 15 square feet for 1.0-foot head.

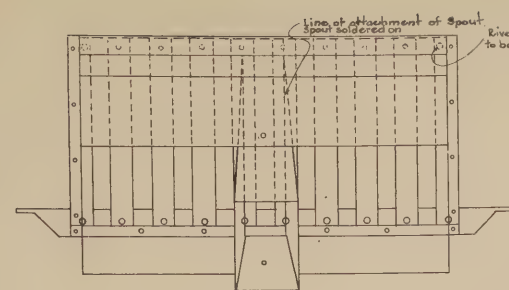
Head Feet	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0	0	T.	T.	0.001	0.004	0.006	0.010	0.015	0.021	0.028
.10	.037	.047	.058	.072	.086	.103	.121	.141	.164	.188
.20	.215	.243	.274	.305	.340	.378	.417	.458	.500	.545
.30	.590	.640	.700	.760	.820	.880	.940	1.00	1.07	1.15
.40	1.23	1.31	1.39	1.47	1.55	1.65	1.75	1.85	1.95	2.05
.50	2.15	2.25	2.36	2.47	2.59	2.72	2.85	3.00	3.15	3.30
.60	3.45	3.60	3.75	3.91	4.08	4.25	4.42	4.60	4.79	4.98
.70	4.70									

Based on hydraulic laboratory tests made by the Soil Conservation Service at Cornell University, Ithaca N. Y.

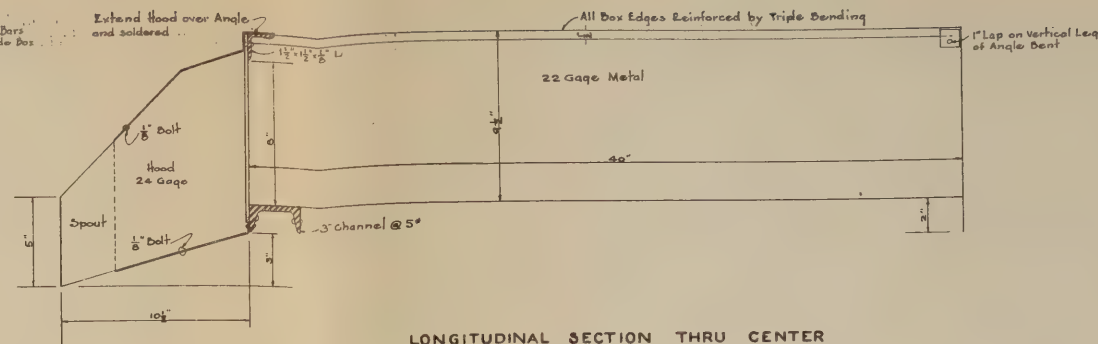
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5:1 Weir									
1-foot head		2-foot head		3-foot head		4-foot head		5-foot head	
Area Sq.ft.	Dis- charge C.F.S.	Area Sq.ft.	Dis- charge C.F.S.	Area Sq.ft.	Dis- charge C.F.S.	Area Sq.ft.	Dis- charge C.F.S.	Area Sq.ft.	Dis- charge C.F.S.
15.0	13.7	30	98.0	60	315	116	590	170	1070
18.0	13.6	31	96.5	61	306	118	580	180	1015
21.0	13.5	32	95.0	62	300	120	572	190	975
24.0	13.4	33	93.5	63	295	122	565	200	950
27.0	13.3	34	92.0	64	291	124	559	210	928
30.0	13.2	35	90.5	65	287	126	554	220	910
33.0	13.1	36	89.0	66	283	128	550	230	898
36.0	13.0	37	87.5	67	280	130	546	240	888
39.0	12.9	38	86.0	68	277	132	542	250	880
42.0	12.8	39	84.5	69	274	134	538	260	871
45.0	12.7	40	83.0	70	272	136	534	270	864
48.0	12.6	41	81.5	71	268	138	531	280	858
51.0	12.5	42	80.0	72	264	140	528	290	853
54.0	12.4	43	78.5	73	261	142	525	300	850
57.0	12.3	44	77.0	74	259	144	522	310	847
60.0	12.2	45	75.5	75	257	146	519	320	844
63.0	12.1	46	74.0	76	255	148	516	330	842
66.0	12.0	47	72.5	77	253	150	513	340	840
69.0	11.9	48	71.0	78	251	152	510	350	838
72.0	11.8	49	69.5	79	249	154	507	360	836
75.0	11.7	50	68.0	80	247	156	504	370	834
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84.0	11.4	53	63.5	83	241	162	496	400	828
87.0	11.3	54	62.0	84	239	164	493	410	826
90.0	11.2	55	60.5	85	237	166	490	420	824
93.0	11.1	56	59.0	86	235	168	487	430	822
96.0	11.0	57	57.5	87	233	170	485	440	820
99.0	10.9	58	56.0	88	231	172	482	450	818
102.0	10.8	59	54.5	89	229	174	480	460	816
105.0	10.7	60	53.0	90	227	176	477	470	814
108.0	10.6	61	51.5	91	225	178	475	480	812
111.0	10.5	62	50.0	92	223	180	473	490	810
114.0	10.4	63	48.5	93	221	182	470	500	808
117.0	10.3	64	47.0	94	219	184	468	510	806
120.0	10.2	65	45.5	95	217	186	465	520	804
123.0	10.1	66	44.0	96	215	188	463	530	802
126.0	10.0	67	42.5	97	213	190	460	540	800
129.0	9.9	68	41.0	98	211	192	458	550	798
132.0	9.8	69	39.5	99	209	194	455	560	796
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Based on hydraulic laboratory tests made by the Soil Conservation Service at Cornell University, Ithaca N.Y.

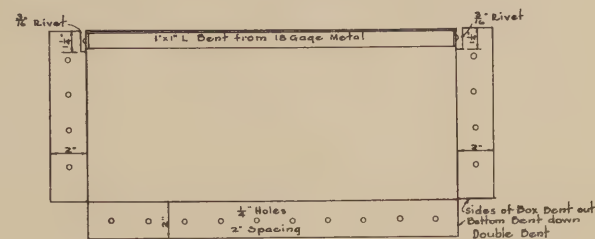


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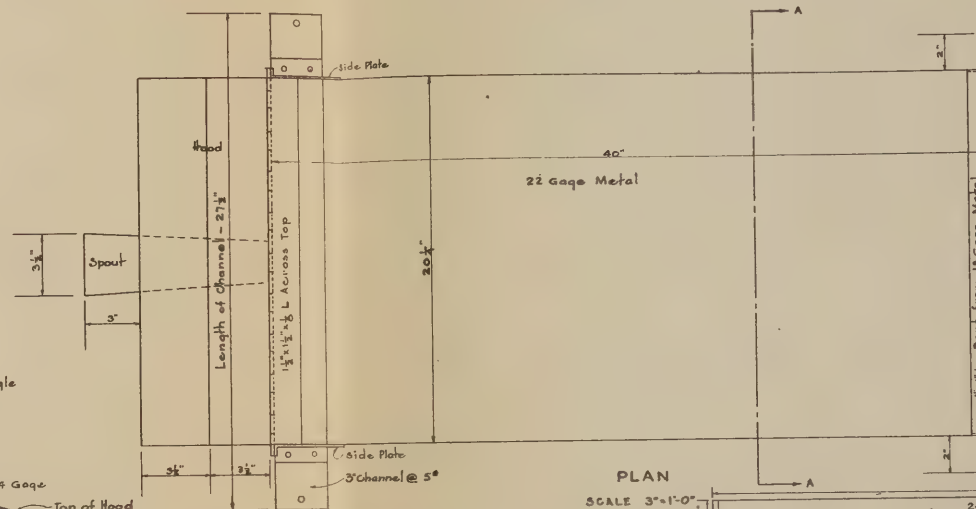
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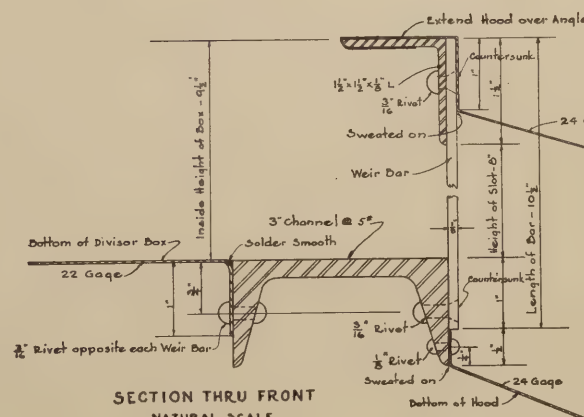


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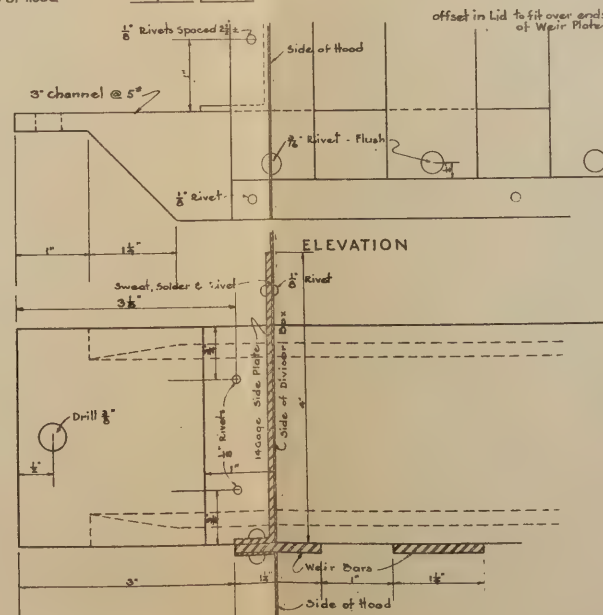
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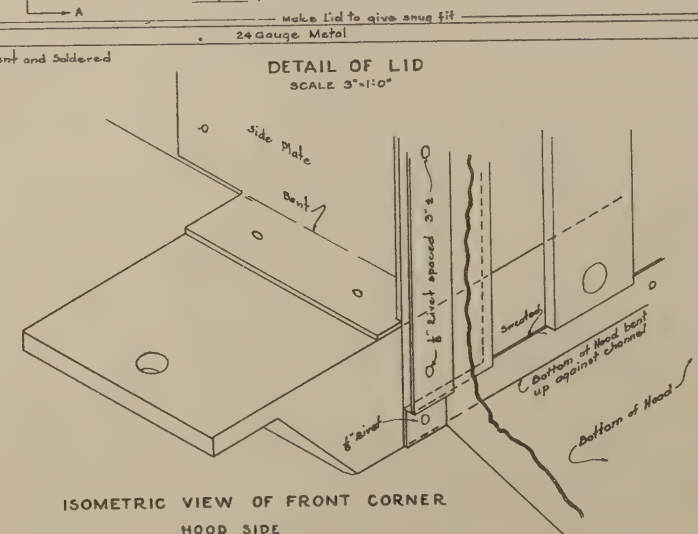
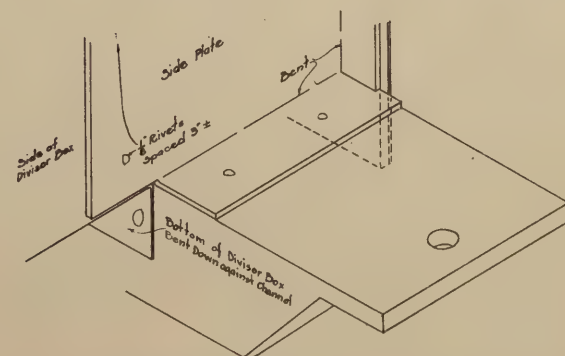
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NATURAL SCALE



ELEVATION

NATURAL SCALE


ISOMETRIC VIEW OF FRONT CORNER
HOOD SIDE

ISOMETRIC VIEW OF FRONT CORNER
BOX SIDE

DETAIL OF FRONT CORNER
NATURAL SCALE

MULTISLOT DIVISOR
MODIFIED TYPE "A" RECTANGULAR SLOTS
NINE SLOTS
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Figure 16.—Construction details of the 1 inch multislot (9 slots) division.

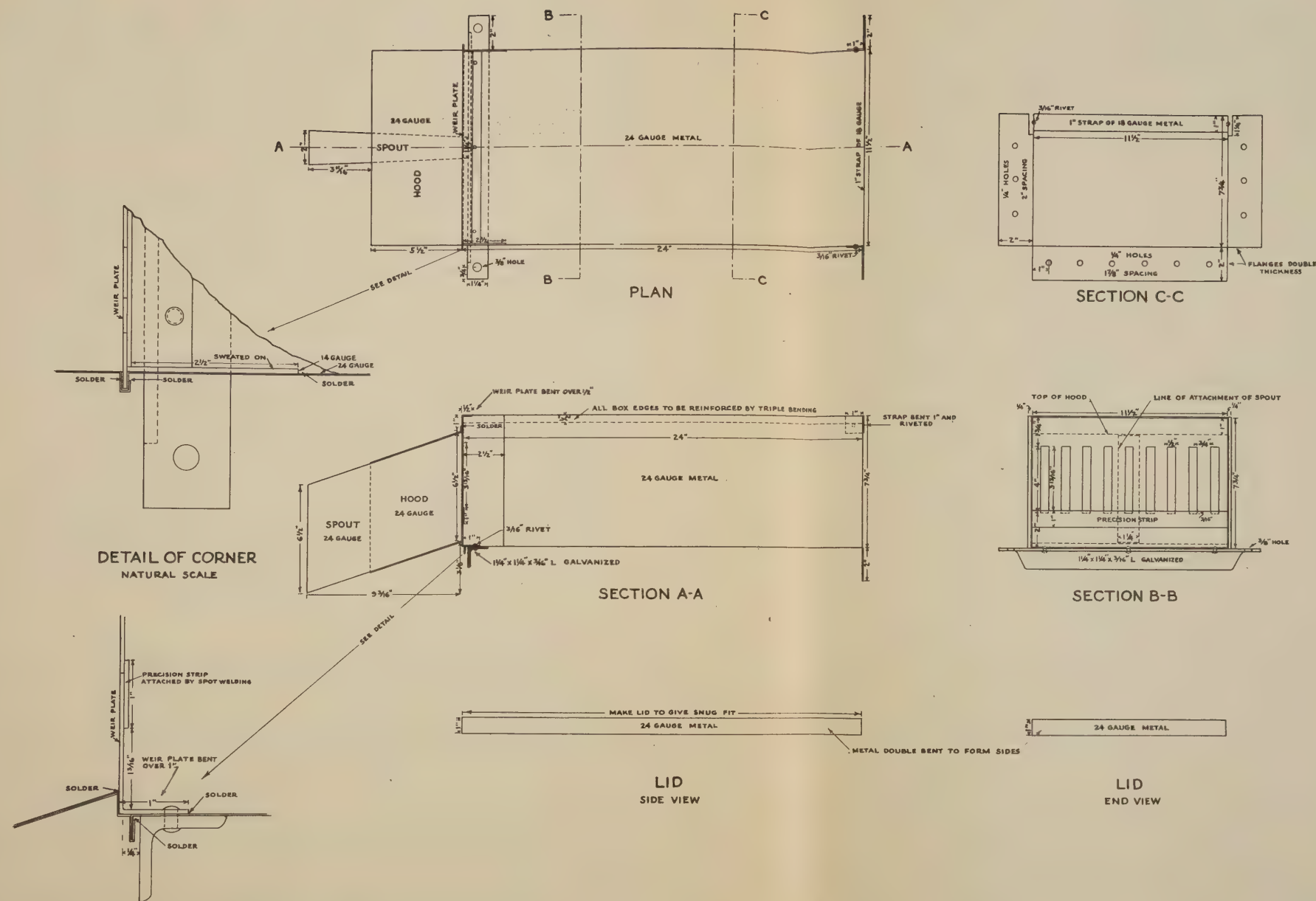


Figure 17.- Construction details of the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch multislot (9 slots) division.

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THE MULTISLOT DIVISOR PLANS FOR NINE SLOT DIVISOR HAVING SLOTS HALF INCH WIDE AFTER THE DESIGN OF H. V. GEIB	
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SPECIFICATIONS -- MULTISLOT DIVISORS HAVING SLOTS ONE-HALF INCH WIDE

Division I. General Provisions

Section 1. Definition of Terms

- (a) Specifications: All provisions and requirements contained herein or on the accompanying plans which form a part hereof, together with all written or printed agreements that may be made hereafter, pertaining to the manner of performing the work or to the quantity or quality of material to be furnished under the contract.
- (b) Multislot Divisor: A device for taking an aliquot of runoff water, the essential part of which is a slot plate containing several openings or slots of identical size and shape. The runoff is passed through the divisor and that portion discharged by the center slot is retained as an aliquot.
- (c) Slot Plate: The metal sheet containing the slots above referred to.
- (d) Precision Strip: The machined metal strip attached to the upstream side of the slot plate and forming the bottom of the slots.
- (e) Spout: The sheet metal conduit attached to the downstream side of the slot plate to conduct the sample flow away from the middle slot.
- (f) Hood: The protective sheet metal covering around the periphery of the slot plate on the downstream side.
- (g) Divisor Box: The sheet metal box through which the runoff water is conducted to the slot.
- (h) Side Plates: The sheet metal stiffening or reinforcing plates attached to the sides of the divisor box upstream from and abutting the slot plate.

Division II. Construction, One-half Inch Slots

Section 1. Materials

- (a) General: All surfaces shall be of rust-resistant material.
- (b) Slot Plate and Precision Strip: Both the slot plate and precision strip shall be of number sixteen (16) gage stainless steel of the kind known as 18 and 8 stainless steel.
- (c) Divisor Box, Spout, Hood, and Lid: The divisor box, sample spout, hood, and lid shall be of number twenty-four (24) gage commercial galvanized sheet iron.
- (d) Side Plates: The side plates shall be of number twenty (20) gage commercial galvanized sheet iron.

Section 2. Details of Construction

- (a) Slot Plate: The surface of the slot plate enclosing the slots and including all thereof within one-half ($1/2$) inch of any slot shall not deviate from a plane by more than one-fiftieth ($1/50$) inch.
- (b) Slots: The slots shall be square edged. They shall be four (4) inches high within one-fiftieth ($1/50$) of an inch and one-half ($1/2$) inch wide, within five one-thousandths ($5/1000$) of an inch.
- (c) Slot Spacing: The slots shall be spaced three-fourths ($3/4$) inch apart within one one-hundredth ($1/100$) inch.
- (d) Precision Strip: The precision strip shall be square-edged and the edge forming the bottom of the slots shall not deviate from a straight edge by more than five one-thousandths ($5/1000$) inch.
- (e) Attachment of Precision Strip: The precision strip shall be electrically spot welded to the slot plate so that its top edge forms an angle with the vertical sides of the slots of ninety (90) degrees within ten (10) minutes, and so that all slot openings are three and thirteen-sixteenths ($3-13/16$) inches high within one one-hundredth ($1/100$) inch.
- (f) Sample Spout: All seams in the spout and the connection to the slot plate shall be water-tight. The line of the connection between spout and slot plate shall not deviate from a line bisecting the spaces between the center and the adjacent slots on each side, by more than one-twentieth ($1/20$) inch. The spout shall be attached before the hood is put into place.

(g) Side Plates: The side plates shall be firmly fixed to the sides of the divisor box so as to abut and be in contact with the slot plate throughout its height. The connection to the divisor box shall be made by sweating the plates on with solder or by any other method giving a waterproof connection of equal or superior strength.

(h) Solder and Tool Marks: There shall be no solder, tool marks, or other irregularities within one-half ($1/2$) inch of the slots on the upstream side of the slot plate nor within three-sixteenths ($3/16$) inch on the downstream side, except that no such irregularities shall exist within a vertical distance of three-fourths ($3/4$) inch below the bottom of the slots.

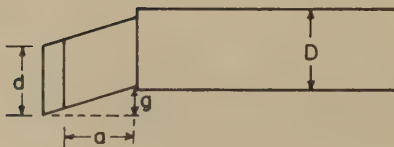
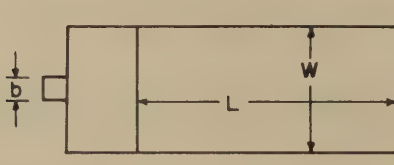
(i) Seams and Joints: All seams and soldered joints shall be watertight.

Section 3. Dimensions of Divisors

The plans accompanying these specifications are for a nine-slot divisor. The construction of divisors with different numbers of slots is to be essentially the same as shown thereon, with the exception of those changes specified in the appended "Schedule of Dimensions and Weights".

SCHEDULE OF DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS for MULTISLOT DIVISORS HAVING HALF-INCH SLOTS

S I Z E			D I M E N S I O N S							Box metal	Approx- imate weight
No. of slots	Slot width	Slot height	W	L	D	a	b	d	g		
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Gauge	Pounds
3	$1/2$	4	4	24	$7-3/4$	$5-1/2$	2	$6-1/2$	$3-1/8$	24	12
5	$1/2$	4	$6-1/2$	24	$7-3/4$	$5-1/2$	2	$6-1/2$	$3-1/8$	24	14
7	$1/2$	4	9	24	$7-3/4$	$5-1/2$	2	$6-1/2$	$3-1/8$	24	17
9	$1/2$	4	$11-1/2$	24	$7-3/4$	$5-1/2$	2	$6-1/2$	$3-1/8$	24	19
11	$1/2$	4	14	24	$7-3/4$	$5-1/2$	2	$6-1/2$	$3-1/8$	24	21



SPECIFICATIONS -- MULTISLOT DIVISORS HAVING SLOTS ONE INCH WIDE

Division I. General Provisions

Section 1. Definition of Terms

- (a) Multislot Divisor: A device for taking an aliquot of runoff water, the essential part of which is a slot plate containing several openings or slots of identical size and shape. The runoff is passed through the divisor and that portion discharged by the center slot is retained as an aliquot.
- (b) Slot plate: The integral structure containing the slots above referred to. The slot-plate is fabricated from vertical bars attached to structural angles at top and bottom.
- (c) Plate Angles: The structural angles forming the tops and bottoms of the slots.
- (d) Spout: The sheet metal conduit attached to the downstream side of the slot plate to conduct the aliquot from the middle slot into the calibrated tank.
- (e) Hood: The protective sheet metal covering placed around the periphery of the slot plate on the downstream side.
- (f) Divisor Box: The sheet metal box through which the runoff water is conducted to the slot plate.
- (g) Side Plates: The sheet metal stiffening or reinforcing plates attached to the sides of the divisor box upstream from and abutting the slot plate.

Division II. Construction, 1-inch Slots

Section 1. Materials:

- (a) Slot-plate Bars: The slot-plate bars shall be low carbon (.15 to .25 percent) cold rolled steel. Square edge flats or their equal in respect to uniformity of dimension and sharpness of edge will be generally satisfactory, providing the tolerances hereinafter specified are not exceeded.
- (b) Plate Angles: The plate angles shall be of best grade structural steel.
- (c) Divisor Box: The divisor box shall be of commercial galvanized sheet iron of the gauge shown on the "Schedule of Dimensions and Weights" appended to and forming a part of these specifications.
- (d) Spout, Hood and Lid: These parts shall be of number twenty-four (24) gauge commercial galvanized sheet iron.
- (e) Rivets: Iron rivets shall be used.
- (f) Paint: Where painting is called for the prime coat shall be Bakelite XE-8312 primer. The two finish coats shall be Bakelite XE-8893.

Section 2. Details of Construction:

- (a) Slot Plate: In constructing the slot plate good machine shop practice shall be followed in all respects. The edge of the plate angle forming the bottoms of the slots shall be machined straight and shall not depart from a true straight edge by more than five one-thousandths (5/1000) inch when the divisor is completed. The legs of the angles to which the vertical bars are attached shall be straight and flat so that the upstream faces of the bars shall be in a surface departing from a plane by not more than one-thirtieth (1/30) inch.
- (b) Bars: The bars shall be straight and attached firmly to the plate angles so as to form right angles with the edge forming the bottom of the slots. This angle shall be within fifteen (15) minutes of a precise ninety (90) degrees. The width of all bars shall be one and one-fourth (1-1/4) inches within two one-hundredths (2/100) inch. The bars may be attached by electrical spot welding or by riveting. If rivets are used those passing through the bottom plate angle shall be countersunk and finished flush and watertight.
- (c) Slots: The slots shall have square edges and shall be one (1) inch wide throughout their heights within one one-hundredth (1/100) inch.
- (d) Sample Spout: All seams in the spout and the connection to the slot plate shall be watertight. The line of the connection between spout and slot plate shall not deviate from a line bisecting the bars adjacent to the center slot by more than one-twentieth (1/20) inch. The spout shall be attached before the hood is put into place.

(e) Side plates: The side plates shall be firmly fixed to the sides of the divisor box so as to abut and be in contact with the slot plate throughout its height. The connection to the divisor box shall be made by sweating the plates on with solder or by any other method giving a waterproof connection of equal or superior strength.

(f) Solder and Tool Marks: There shall be no solder, deep tool marks, or other irregularities within three-fourths ($3/4$) inch of any slot on the upstream side of the slot plate, nor within seven-sixteenths ($7/16$) inch on the downstream side.

(g) Seams and Joints: All seams, soldered joints, and riveted connections shall be watertight.

(h) Painting: After fabrication of the divisor, all exposed surfaces of the slot plate shall be thoroughly cleaned of scale, rust, and grease and given a thin prime coat of Bakelite XE-8312 primer. Two finish coats of the aluminum paint, known as Bakelite XE-8893, shall be subsequently applied, the aluminum powder being mixed with the varnish immediately before use. The paint shall be applied evenly and shall not cause the dimensions of slots or straightness of slot plate pieces to exceed the tolerances heretofore given.

Section 3. Dimensions of Divisors:

The plans accompanying these specifications are for a nine slot divisor. The construction of divisors with different numbers of slots or with different slot heights is to be essentially the same as shown thereon, with the exception of those changes specified in the appended "Schedule of Dimensions and Weights".

SCHEDULE OF DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

S I Z E			D I M E N S I O N S							Box	Approx.
No. of Slots	Slot Width	Slot Height	W	L	D	a	b	d	g	Metal	Weight
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Gauge	Pounds
3	1	6	7-1/4	24	9	6	3	4-1/2	2-3/4	24	17
5	1	6	11-3/4	24	9	6	3	4-1/2	2-3/4	24	23
7	1	6	16-1/4	32-1/2	9	6	3	4-1/2	2-3/4	22	35
7	1	8	16-1/4	32-1/2	11	7-1/2	3-1/4	5-1/2	3-1/4	22	43
9	1	8	20-3/4	40	11	7-1/2	3-1/4	5-1/2	3-1/4	22	55
11	1	8	25-1/4	40	11	7-1/2	3-1/4	5-1/2	3-1/4	20	68
11	1	12	25-1/4	40	15	10-1/2	3-3/4	8	4-1/4	20	85
13	1	12	29-3/4	40	15	10-1/2	3-3/4	8	4-1/4	20	95
15	1	12	34-1/4	40	15	10-1/2	3-3/4	8	4-1/4	20	100

